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## New Obama allegations raise the question if he had a personal stake in the LGBT revolution

*By LifeSite News*

Allegations about Barack Obama's homosexual liaisons and drug usage in the late 1990s made by Larry Sinclair in a bombshell video interview with Tucker Carlson have raised questions about how Obama's sexual predilections kept hidden — or at a minimum, left uninvestigated — by a compliant media may have influenced his actions during his two terms as President of the United States.

Obama's past was presented as above reproach, and journalists shied away from even minimal vetting of their favored candidate. But according to Carlson's guest, in November 1999 Obama's marriage was on the brink of collapse and Obama had shared two drug-fueled sexual encounters with Sinclair.

The man inaugurated on January 20, 2009, who had affirmed that marriage was defined solely as the union of one man and one woman, lit up the White House in the garish colors of the LGBT rainbow flag in June 2015 in order

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## Bloomberg finances and coopts state attorneys general

***State AGs aid Bloomberg quest for 'green' energy that threatens planet, wildlife and people***

*By Paul Driessen*



When you've built a financial information and media empire and become the world's seventh richest person, you get to say dumb things, like suggesting that farming is easy: "You dig a hole, put a seed in, put dirt on top, add water – and up comes the corn."

Being ultra-wealthy also shields Michael Bloomberg from

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## It's Now Safe to Say That Homeownership Is Evil

*By Kathleen Marquardt*

Did you ever stop to realize that wanting to achieve the American Dream – a chicken in every pot and two cars in your garage – is "the problem"? Yep! You and your selfish dream are destroying this country. I kid you not.



The article "The problem with America's high homeownership rate" by Felix Salmon1 spells it out loud and clear. It begins by telling us that our decades-

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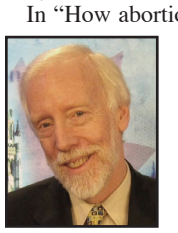
## Pro-lifers Can Beat the Climate Scare Threatening their Movement

*By Tom Harris*

In "How abortion became a tool to push the 'climate change' agenda," my April 2023 Reality News article, I described how climate alarmists are promoting abortion to lessen our population to supposedly help stop climate change. I also showed that the abortion industry is now citing climate change concerns to promote their agenda as well.



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## Fauci Lied; 120k+ Children Died: Secret CDC Report confirms Hundreds of Thousands of Youngsters 'Died Suddenly' in the USA following roll-out of COVID-19 Vaccines

*By The Exposé*

Time and time again throughout 2021, Dr. Anthony Fauci, stood at the podium, the bright lights of the cameras blinding him as he faced the nation. With a steady hand, he held up a vial of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine, promising it would be the key to protecting America and its children from the "deadly" Covid-19 disease supposedly ravaging the country.

But little did the public know, the truth about the Covid vaccine's safety had been buried deep within Fauci's own lies and deceit and confidential U.S. Government and Pfizer documents.

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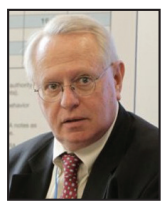
## The Constitution is Irrelevant if our Leaders are Corrupt

*By Williams Kovacs*

The appointment of David Weiss to be Special Counsel in the Hunter Biden investigation has caused outrage in political circles. Democrats scream Republicans got what they asked for, a special counsel. Republicans view his appointment as the continuation of a Department of Justice ("DOJ") coverup of criminal activity.

This debate is an unnecessary waste of time. The Biden administration detests the Constitution and the rule of law. Appointing a special counsel not eligible to serve under federal regulations or the Delaware Rules of Professional Conduct ("Bar Rules") is no greater offense to the Constitution than refusing to enforce immigration laws, forgiving student loans by assuming Congressional spending powers, or accepting bribes from foreign nations. It's all criminal activity harmful to the U.S.



If Mr. Weiss insists on serving as special counsel, he will be another "in-your-face" Biden-supported lawbreaker. He will operate in violation of federal regulations governing special counsels

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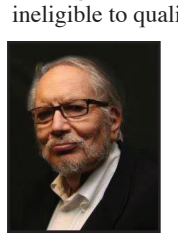
## Will Next Civil War Be Fought in Court, Congress?

*By Larry Bell*

Acrimonious partisan divisions in America are pitting many neighbors against neighbors, friends against former friends, and relatives against siblings and cousins more expansively than any time in this writer's lifetime memory.

Two close frontrunners for our nation's highest office are under investigation for actions with potential not only to make them ineligible to qualify but could also see them both facing criminal incarceration.



Former President Donald Trump simultaneously faces indictments in four different jurisdictions, two by federal grand juries in Washington, D.C., and Florida, and two in Manhattan and Fulton County, Ga., courts.

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# Steve's Say . . .

## The Circle of 2023

Sometime ago I believe I wrote a piece featuring a book called "The Circle," given to my daughter to read over the summer before she began as a freshman at Boston College in 2014. She asked me to read it and provide her with my reaction. That book opened my eyes to the fake reality manufactured by a tiny group of elitists, intended to encompass our entire society and create an unescapable iron grip of individual control.

At least two previous Reality News editions contained my essay about the Five Fallacies of Logic. For everyone's convenience, the Five Fallacies are:

1) Ignoring the Issue
2) Mudslinging
3) Hyperbole
4) Stating Opinion as Fact
5) False Cause

While not delving into the specific sordid nature of each of these logical fallacies today, I do want to highlight their ubiquitous presence in the world being sold to us by the Globalist Criminal Syndicate. "The Circle" of the Globalist New World Order rests upon a foundation built from these five fallacies, particularly False Cause, the most insidious of the five.

Briefly, the premise of the book "The Circle" involves the personal experience of a college graduate named Meg, who lands her first job at The Circle, what the world believes to be the dream job of any young person. The Circle rapidly grew into the largest company on the planet. They sell everything. They buy everything. They deliver everything. You can get anything and everything including experiences. In fact, that's their ultimate point. Why go through the hassle of going to the Grand Canyon when you can experience it better through our fully integrated personal theater?

Meg's job in customer relations involved collecting customer feedback and entering the results into a group composite score and commentary open to the world. You know, full disclosure and full transparency. Except as Meg begins to learn her job, she finds that the company holds her personally responsible for the scores and comments she reports. In other words, its up to her to converse with the customers to convince them that what they purchased from The Circle couldn't be any better. Convincing customers to upgrade their rating feedback rapidly morphed into full blown coercion and even extortion. Meg realized that the world being presented by the fully accessible, fully transparent customer commentary was actually a big, manufactured lie. She and her co-workers molded that fake reality from badgering and threatening customers into submission to their agenda.

And so it is today.

Blackrock is "The Circle," with all of the big corporations enslaved subsidiaries, The Corporate Media functions as their customer relations team, performing Meg's job to convince the public that what they experience daily, price inflation, supply shortages, etc. aren't actually happening while deadly viruses lurk around every corner ready to put you in your grave. No problem, though. We have this jab for you (which may cause myocarditis among other nasty results.)

Men are women and women men, or neither or both, or a hundred other nonsensical possibilities only someone locked down in the educational establishment could possibly conceive of. Climate change causes every ill on the planet today. Electric vehicles don't destroy the environment, batteries don't spontaneously combust, and mining the required lithium and rare earth minerals involves no child slave labor. How dare you call government subsidized wind and solar initiatives giant money-laundering schemes and kickback conduits!

But we know everything stated above won't satisfy these monsters. They want to take from you everything you have - not just property but all thoughts and experiences. In "The Circle" they express their full intent through a mantra that all repeat in every meeting which goes:

Secrets are Lies,
Sharing is Caring,
Privacy is Theft

On the surface this mantra may sound benign and maybe even truthful. Certainly many times secrets involve covering up the truth, but I'm sure we can all think of some instances where that does not hold true. Sharing is Caring sounds so nice, but is it really? What about being boastful or disgusting or perverse? You don't need to share that stuff with me. But the last one drives home the real point - you don't own yourself. Not your thoughts, experiences or beliefs. One of the high Circle executives named Bailey explains how selfish it is to not putting forth all of your experiences on social media. You deprive someone unable to do the same from experiencing your experience. You're obligated to share all experiences with everyone. Because sharing is caring. And secrets are lies.

So I took it upon myself to create a real world version of "The Circle" mantra to more accurately reflect our current New World Order/ Blackrock indentureship. Here goes:



Pandemics are Lies,
Sealing is Concealing,
Green Energy is Theft

All pandemics prove to be hoaxes eventually. Anytime the "authorities" seal records or information, they're hiding the truth. And of course all "green" energy schemes are money-laundering operations designed to steal the wealth of the general public and put it in the pockets of the elite.

Have fun this month pointing out the fallacies you hear being bantered about, remembering that false cause underwrites them all. Maybe I'll come up with the Five Fallacies game where we take snippets of corporate "News" and match it to the most appropriate of the five. One point for ignoring the issue, 2 for mudslinging, etc. with 5 for false cause. It wouldn't take much fake news to get some very high scores.

Stay strong Patriots! The full disclosure of Globalists and their crimes continues to accelerate. Soon they will not be able to walk down the street, eventually because of executed arrest warrants. Hopefully that day isn't too far off.


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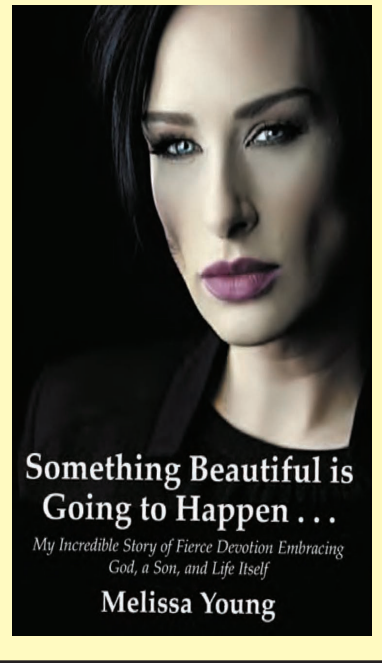

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# SITYS: Climate Models Do Not Conserve Mass or Energy

*By Roy W. Spencer*

One of the most fundamental requirements of any physics-based model of climate change is that it must conserve mass and energy. This is partly why I (along with Danny Braswell and John Christy) have been using simple 1-dimensional climate models that have simplified calculations and where conservation is not a problem.

Changes in the global energy budget associated with increasing atmospheric CO2 are small, roughly 1% of the average radiative energy fluxes in and out of the climate system. So, you would think that climate models are sufficiently carefully constructed so that, without any global radiative energy imbalance imposed on them (no "external forcing"), they would not produce any temperature change.

It turns out, this isn't true.

Back in 2014, our 1D model paper showed evidence that CMIP3 models don't conserve energy, as evidenced by the wide range of deep-ocean warming (and even cooling) that occurred in those models despite the imposed positive energy imbalance the models were forced to mimic the effects of increasing atmospheric CO2.

Now, I just stumbled upon a paper from 2021 (Irving et al., A Mass and Energy Conservation Analysis of Drift in the CMIP6 Ensemble) which describes significant problems in the latest (CMIP5 and CMIP6) models regarding not only energy conservation in the ocean but also at the top-of-atmosphere (TOA, thus affecting global warming rates) and even the water vapor budget of the atmosphere (which represents the largest component of the global greenhouse effect).

These represent potentially serious problems when it comes to our reliance on climate models to guide energy policy. It boggles my mind that conservation of mass and energy were not requirements of all models before their results were released decades ago.

One possible source of the problems is the model "numerics"… the mathematical formulas (often "finite-difference" formulas) used to compute changes in all quantities between gridpoints in the horizontal, levels in the vertical, and from one-time step to the next. Miniscule errors in these calculations can accumulate over time, especially if physically impossible negative mass values are set to zero, causing "leakage" of mass. We don't worry about such things in weather forecast models that run only days or weeks. But climate models are run for decades or hundreds of years of model time, and tiny errors (if they don't average out to zero) can accumulate over time.

The 2021 paper describes one of the CMIP6 models where one of the surface energy flux calculations was found to have missing terms (essentially, a programming error). When that was found and corrected, the spurious ocean temperature drift was removed. The authors suggest that, given the number of models (over 30 now) and number of model processes being involved, it would take a huge effort to track down and correct these model deficiencies.

I will close with some quotes from the 2021 J. of Climate paper in question.

"Our analysis suggests that when it comes to globally integrated OHC (ocean heat content), there has been little improvement from CMIP5 to CMIP6 (fewer outliers, but a similar ensemble median magnitude). This indicates that model drift still represents a nonnegligible fraction of historical forced trends in global, depth-integrated quantities…"

"We find that drift in OHC is typically much smaller than in time-integrated netTOA, indicating a leakage of energy in the simulated climate system. Most of this energy leakage occurs somewhere between the TOA and ocean surface and has improved (i.e., it has a reduced ensemble median magnitude) from CMIP5 to CMIP6 due to reduced drift in time-integrated netTOA. To put these drifts and leaks into perspective, the time-integrated netTOA and systemwide energy leakage approaches or exceeds the estimated current planetary imbalance for a number of models."

"While drift in the global mass of atmospheric water vapor is negligible relative to estimated current trends, the drift in time-integrated moisture flux into the atmosphere (i.e., evaporation minus precipitation) and the consequent nonclosure of the atmospheric moisture budget is relatively large (and worse for CMIP6), approaching/exceeding the magnitude of current trends for many models."

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## Pro-Lifers *cont. from page 1*

But both of these arguments utterly fail if pro-life activists demonstrate clearly that there is no climate emergency—not now, nor at any time in the foreseeable future. And that is exactly the case.

To show this, pro-lifers need not delve deeply into the complex science of climate change, such as the findings of Dr. William A. van Wijngaarden of Department of Physics and Astronomy, York University, Canada, and Dr. William Happer of the Department of Physics, Princeton University, that at current concentrations, increasing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases have a very little effect on temperatures (see their paper "Dependence of Earth's Thermal Radiation on Five Most Abundant Greenhouse Gases"). That work is both important and fascinating, but for someone not trained in science, it is not easy to decipher.

Instead, pro-lifers should take the approach of The Right Climate Stuff (TRCS), a group of retired and highly experienced engineers and scientists, many of whom took America to the Moon in the Apollo program. Their motto is:

"In God we trust, all others bring data."

After analyzing the best empirical data available, the TRCS team concluded that there is no climate crisis and increasing carbon dioxide and rising temperatures will be highly beneficial to our civilization and the biosphere. To learn more about TRCS and their work, I direct readers to my articles and podcast about this outstanding team:

- "Steely-Eyed Missile Men" Demolish the Climate Scare, January 25, 2023
- Space Engineers Beat Hundred Million Dollar UN Climate Models… (for FREE), February 2, 2023
- Podcast: Real World Data Demolishes Climate Scare: Space Engineers, February 13, 2023

Over the next couple of weeks, I will demonstrate how pro-lifers can follow TRCS's lead and use real world data to fight back against the climate change myths threatening their movement.

Let's start with the rise in so-called "global average temperature*."

[*Strictly speaking, a "global temperature" does not exist. Temperature, like density, pressure, viscosity or any intrinsic property of a substance, is not something that can be averaged. Global temperature is merely a statistic that may, or may not, be useful in different circumstances. For more on this topic, see "Does a Global Temperature Exist?" by Essex, McKitrick and Andresen in the Journal of Non-Equilibrium Thermodynamics.]

As can be seen in the graph below, this average has risen only just over 1o Celsius since 1875. This slight warming has been beneficial as we recovered from the centuries-long Little Ice Age during which cold conditions caused widespread crop failures and other serious hardships across the world.

While discussing temperature findings from Greenland ice cores, Dr. Jørgen Peder Steffensen, Professor of Physics of Ice, Climate and Earth at the University of Copenhagen explained:

"Around 1875, we have the lowest point in the last 10,000 years, and that matches exactly the time when meteorological observations started… I agree completely that we have had global temperature increase in the 20th century. But an increase from what? Probably an increase from the lowest point we've had for the last 10,000 years. This means that it would be very hard indeed to prove whether the increase of temperature in the 20th century was man-made or it's a natural variation. That would be very hard because we made ourselves an extremely poor experiment. We started to observe meteorology at the coldest spot in the last 10,000 years!"

Pro-life activists presenting this information will likely be called "climate change deniers" by activists attempting to discredit them by equating their

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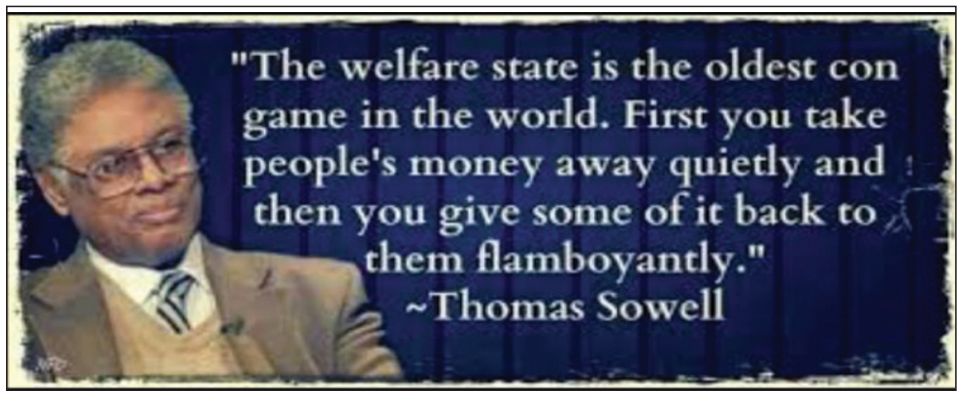

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# Renewed Forced Labor Cloud Darkens Solar's Moment in the Las Vegas Sun

*By Carrie Sheffield*

This week nearly 27,000 clean energy professionals will descend on the Las Vegas Strip for the annual RE Plus renewable energy Conference. The event includes thousands of exhibitors and a host of presentations with a keynote from Georgia Senator Jon Ossoff. The Senator will undoubtedly tout the expansion of solar energy industry jobs in his state by Korean manufacturer Hanwha Q-Cells, while conveniently ignoring allegations of Hanwha's deep connections to reported forced labor in the Xinjiang region in China.

It's been a little more than a year since the groundbreaking human rights law, the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA), went into effect. The law created a rebuttable presumption that all goods manufactured in whole or in part in the Xinjiang region of China use forced labor and are thus not admissible into U.S. commerce. While U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the law enforcement agency tasked with enforcement of the law, has done an admirable job at detaining cargo to assess applicability of law to certain goods, the scope of enforcement is lacking and focused on a very small number of importers and ignores many more manufacturers widely known to use key materials from China that have very high risk of origin in part from Xinjiang.

Perhaps the most glaring omission among CBP's UFLPA enforcement is the well-connected Hanwha Q-cells. There is very clear open source data that ties the company to the Xinjiang region of China. Despite the glaring connections to the region, Hanwha executive Vitaly Lee has repeatedly claimed the company modules are "forced labor free."

Just last month, another damning report dropped from Sheffield Hellam University titled "Over-Exposed: Uyghur Region Exposure Assessment for Solar Industry Sourcing", which found Q-Cells to have a "very high" risk of ties to forced labor in Xinjiang. Specifically, the Sheffield Report found Meike Solar Technology, a Chinese company which gets raw material from Xinjiang, reported Q-Cells as one of its largest customers in the first half of 2022, even though Q-Cells claims it cut off the supplier's relationship in 2021. The initial Sheffield Report, In Broad Daylight, focusing on large Chinese manufacturers like Longi, Trina and JinkoSolar, appears to have influenced CBP's targeting but it remains to be seen if this updated report will have the same effect.

It's difficult to ascertain whether the lack of enforcement is due to the high-profile political visits, including Vice President Kamala Harris, an upcoming visit from President Biden, and of course Senator Ossoff. Political connections, however, should never serve as a means to avoid the law or get a free pass from CBP detentions and UFLPA scrutiny. Unfortunately, the Biden administration claims it wants America to lead in "clean energy" production, but is instead blocking American producers from developing the critical, rare-earth minerals to make it happen domestically.

Ironically, the political cover seems to be bipartisan. Another company that has escaped CBP scrutiny is Canadian Solar, while often portraying itself as Canadian the company is, in fact, wholly Chinese from its management to its manufacturing. Recently, Canadian Solar announced a $250 million 5GW solar manufacturing facility in Mesquite, Texas. This project was heralded by both Governor Greg Abbott and Senator Ted Cruz despite Canadian Solar's ties to the Xinjiang region and potential violations of the UFLPA. The Sheffield Report determined Canadian Solar has a "high" risk of exposure to Xinjiang.

Fortunately, CBP's lack of universal enforcement has not gone unnoticed by everyone in Congress. Rep. Carol Miller (R-W.Va.) at a hearing before the Ways and Means Committee called out JA Solar for attempting to avoid the UFLPA. Specifically, she noted an executive with JA Solar, another company with "very high" exposure to Xinjiang, was caught on tape discussing port-shopping as one method the company employs to avoid UFLPA detentions.

In a public webinar CBP's Trade Remedy Law Enforcement Executive Director acknowledged companies were employing this exact UFLPA enforcement avoidance technique, along with changing the name of the exporting entity and several other salacious maneuvers. CBP cannot allow this type of evasion to continue, especially when Congress has appropriated more than $100 Million to enforce the UFLPA and combat forced labor globally.

Unfortunately, at this year's RE Plus there will be plenty of solar companies –including the title sponsor Maxeon, another very high-risk manufacturer according to the Sheffield Hallem report – enjoying the Las Vegas sun while escaping CBP scrutiny despite serious forced labor allegations. Even in Sin City political relationships and high-profile sponsorships should not be currency to evade U.S. trade laws. CBP must work to ensure the UFLPA is implemented forcefully and equally.

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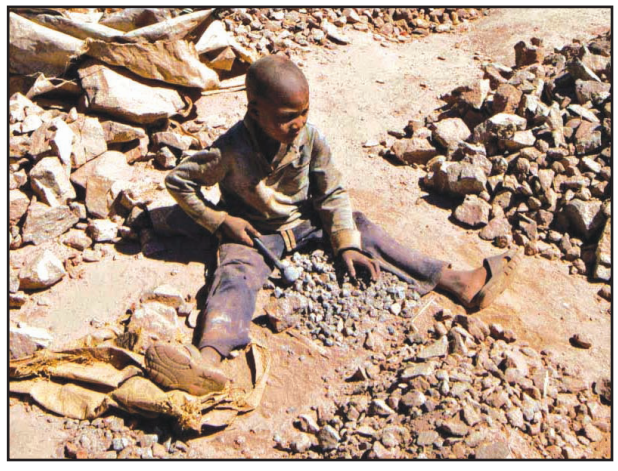

# STEPHEN MOORE: Maybe a temporary government lockdown is necessary. The alternative may be worse.

*By Stephen Moore*

What's worse? When politicians shut down the government, or when they lock down businesses, stores, schools, churches and restaurants — and nearly all private commerce in America?

If you haven't heard, the media and congressional Democrats are near cardiac arrest over the prospect of a government shutdown later this year. They may need smelling salts. How dare Congress shut down our vital government services when they are deadlocked on the budget?

But we didn't hear these kinds of drama queen histrionics when Congress, governors and mayors locked down nearly every private business during COVID in 2020. That effectively brought our economy to a standstill for six months.

Almost overnight, millions of Americans were out of their jobs. Small business revenues collapsed, and tens of thousands of men and women who had put their whole life into their businesses were thrown into bankruptcy due to government lockdown edicts.

Some liberals want to empower the government to shut down the private economy from time to time to combat climate change.

Apparently, the new rules are: You can close the doors of every small business in America, but don't you dare shut down the Department of Education or Interior or National Public Radio for one day or there will be blood in the streets, senior citizens won't get their meals on wheels and disabled children won't have access to social services.

I'm NOT in favor of a government shutdown. But they aren't the end of the world. The Congressional Research Service reports there have been at least 20 government shutdowns since Jimmy Carter was president. Did anyone outside of Washington really notice that the Federal Trade Commission or the Commodities Future Trading Commission couldn't meet?

By the way, only "nonessential" programs would be temporarily closed if there were a budget impasse, which raises the question of why a government $2 trillion a year in debt is spending so much money on nonessential anything.

The joke used to be that if you asked a New Yorker to draw a map of the country, they would put a line down the middle of the U.S. and declare everything on the eastern half of the U.S. New York. They had an inflated sense of self-importance.

Now that arrogance characterizes Washington — those who live in "the swamp." THEY are essential, and the work the rest of us do is trivial. They've forgotten that they work for us, not the other way around.

Rather than a government shutdown, wouldn't it be a joyous occasion if the two parties would pass a financially responsible budget that cuts wasteful spending and at least makes a pretense of trying to reach balance in the next five or eight or 10 years?

The fact that the U.S. government now spends and consumes $7 trillion, nearly one-quarter of our entire GDP, is a depressing state of affairs. Cut it to 20% and we get close to a balanced budget.

Some things are worth fighting for. The Democrats' alternative to a partial shutdown would be to continue to borrow $2 trillion a year from now into infinity. Did you know that the fastest growing component of our debt

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# New study suggests global warming could be mostly an urban problem

*By CERES Science*

A new study published in the scientific peer-reviewed journal, Climate, by 37 researchers from 18 countries suggests that current estimates of global warming are contaminated by urban warming biases.

The study also suggests that the solar activity estimates considered in the most recent reports by the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) likely underestimated the role of the Sun in global warming since the 19th century.

It is well-known that cities are warmer than the surrounding countryside. While urban areas only account for less than 4% of the global land surface, many of the weather stations used for calculating global temperatures are located in urban areas. For this reason, some scientists have been concerned that the current global warming estimates may have been contaminated by urban heat island effects. In their latest report, the IPCC estimated that urban warming accounted for less than 10% of global warming. However, this new study suggests that urban warming might account for up to 40% of the warming since 1850.

The study also found that the IPCC's chosen estimate of solar activity appeared to have prematurely ruled out a substantial role for the Sun in the observed warming.

When the authors analysed the temperature data only using the IPCC's solar dataset, they could not explain any of the warming since the mid-20th century. That is, they replicated the IPCC's iconic finding that global warming is mostly human-caused. However, when the authors repeated the analysis using a different estimate of solar activity – one that is often used by the scientific community – they found that most of the warming and cooling trends of the rural data could actually be explained in terms of changing solar activity.

The lead author of the study, Dr. Willie Soon, of the Center for Environmental Research and Earth Sciences (CERES-Science.com) described the implications of their findings,

"For many years, the general public has been assuming that the science on climate change is settled. This new study shows that this is not the case."

Another author of the study, Prof. Ana Elias, the Director of the Laboratorio de Ionosfera, Atmósfera Neutra y Magnetosfera (LIANM) at the Universidad Nacional de Tucumán, Argentina, explained:

"This analysis opens the door to a proper scientific investigation into the causes of climate change."

This study finds similar conclusions to another study that was recently published in a separate scientific peer-reviewed journal, Research in Astronomy and Astrophysics. This other study involved many of the same co-authors (led by Dr. Ronan Connolly, also at the Center for Environmental Research and Earth Sciences). It took a different approach to analysing the causes of climate change – using an additional 25 estimates of solar activity and three extra temperature estimates.

# How the Science is Rigged on Global Warming

*By John Hawkins*

What percentage of Americans do you think believe that Bigfoot is real? According to this poll of 23,316 American adults, somewhere around 24%:

To the best of my knowledge, there is no poll taken that addresses what percentage of scientists believe that Bigfoot exists, but if we had to take an educated guess, the numbers would probably be significantly less. It wouldn't be a surprise if, let's say, 10% or less of scientists believed in Bigfoot.

So, here's a question. What if we wanted to get 50, 60, or even 70% of scientists to say they believed Bigfoot exists? How would we do it? Well, first of all, we'd need lots of money. If you have enough money to spread around, not only can you influence people, but self-interest will cause people to change what they claim to believe to get a piece of all that money.

Let's take a look at how this works with "manmade global warming."

It starts with the astronomical amount of money that goes into pushing, promoting, and reinforcing the idea that man-made global warming is happening. Despite the staggering numbers in it, this article from 2018 is only the tip of the iceberg:

How big is the Climate Change Industrial Complex today? Surprisingly, no one seems to be keeping track of all the channels of funding. A few years ago, Forbes magazine went through the federal budget and estimated about $150 billion in spending on climate change and green energy subsidies during President Obama's first term.

That didn't include the tax subsidies that provide a 30 percent tax credit for wind and solar power — so add to those numbers about $8 billion to $10 billion a year. Then add billions more in costs attributable to the 29 states with renewable energy mandates that require utilities to buy expensive "green" energy.

Worldwide the numbers are gargantuan. Five years ago, a leftist group called the Climate Policy Initiative issued a study which found that "Global investment in climate change" reached $359 billion that year.

Of course, there's much more:

The World Bank Group delivered a record $31.7 billion in fiscal year 2022 (FY22) to help countries address climate change.

Much, much more:

The Budget presents President Biden's vision for the strategic and sustained investments needed through annual appropriations to continue to decrease energy prices and grow the economy over the long term. The President's Budget invests a total of $44.9 billion in discretionary budget authority to tackle the climate crisis, $16.7 billion more than FY 2021 or an increase of nearly 60 percent.

Much, much, much more:

The U.S. government will spend more than $500 billion on climate technology and clean energy over the next decade under three recently enacted laws, an analysis by non-profit RMI found.

We could go on and on with this, but essentially, there is a virtually limitless pot of money out there waiting to be claimed by people who agree that manmade global warming is real and happening. It goes to universities, the media, activists, scientists, and well-connected ex-politicians like Al Gore:

Warning the world that it is on the brink of disaster has been lucrative for Al Gore. His wild prediction at Davos that Earth faces 'rain bombs' and 'boiling oceans' is just his latest in decades of climate alarmism. At the same time, the former VP has been at the forefront of green technology investment that has seen his wealth balloon to an estimated $330 million.

When hundreds of billions of dollars are floating around and people building vast fortunes predicated on the idea that global warming is happening and caused by man, guess what? Large numbers of people in a position to get some of that money are going to conclude that global warming is happening and caused by man. If Al Gore needed to publicly state Bigfoot existed to have multiple mansions, he'd have made, "An Inconvenient Bigfoot" a long time ago:

Al Gore is just one of many, many pigs feeding themselves at this trough and that money has allowed advocates of manmade global warming to add another layer of control over scientists.

It's very important for scientists and academics to get funded and published in prestigious scientific journals and all that money has allowed the pro-global warming people to almost control totally what gets funded and what doesn't, along with what gets published and what doesn't.

Of course, since the journals want the gravy train to keep running, they reward articles, even bad or dishonest ones, that promote manmade global warming and punish skeptics. Ph.D. climate scientist Patrick Brown gives a great rundown of how the science is rigged on this issue when it comes to journals like Nature. He published a piece there, admitted that he slanted the truth, and then described why and how the scientists do that:

To put it bluntly, climate science has become less about understanding the complexities of the world and more about serving as a kind of Cassandra, urgently warning the public about the dangers of climate change. However understandable this instinct may be, it distorts a great deal of climate science research, misinforms the public, and most importantly, makes practical solutions more difficult to achieve.

...Why is this happening?

It starts with the fact that a researcher's career depends on his or her work being cited widely and perceived as important. This triggers the self-reinforcing feedback loops of name recognition, funding, quality applications from aspiring PhD students and postdocs, and of course, accolades.

...In reality, though, the biases of the editors (and the reviewers they call upon to evaluate submissions) exert a major influence on the collective output of entire fields. They select what gets published from a large pool of entries, and in doing so, they also shape how research is conducted more broadly. Savvy researchers tailor their studies to maximize the likelihood that their work is accepted. I know this because I am one of them.

...Here's how it works.

The first thing the astute climate researcher knows is that his or her work should support the mainstream narrative...

...This leads to a second unspoken rule in writing a successful climate paper. The authors should ignore—or at least downplay—practical actions that can counter the impact of climate change....

...Here's a third trick: be sure to focus on metrics that will generate the most eye-popping numbers.

...As to why I followed the formula despite my criticisms, the answer is simple: I wanted the research to be published in the highest profile venue possible. When I began the research for this paper in 2020, I was a new assistant professor needing to maximize my prospects for a successful career. When I had previously attempted to deviate from the formula, my papers were rejected out of hand by the editors of distinguished journals, and I had to settle for less prestigious outlets. To put it another way, I sacrificed contributing the most valuable knowledge for society in order for the research to be compatible with the confirmation bias of the editors and reviewers of the journals I was targeting.

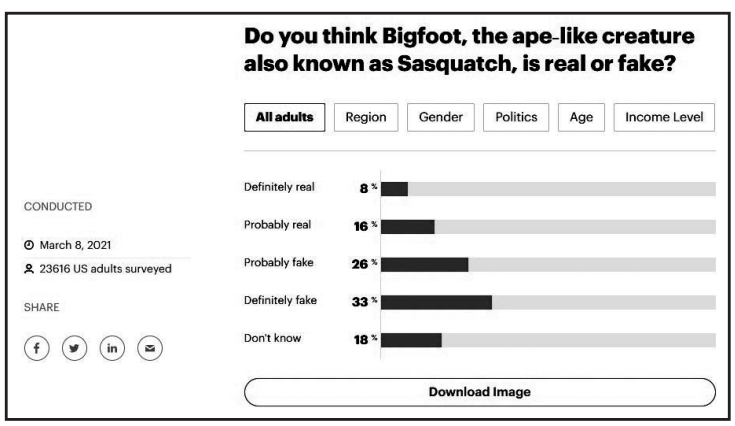
In other words, he's saying he played the same game that our mainstream media plays every day of the week. He dramatically overemphasized some facts and left other critical pieces of data out because they undercut the case he wanted to make. He's saying he didn't lie, but in reality, like all the scientists pushing manmade global warming, he lied by omission.

There are a lot of things you can say about this, but one thing you can't truly say is that this is science.

For one thing, science requires a level of honesty that global warming research doesn't meet. Real science wants to know all the genuine facts, even if those facts don't support the theory you're trying to prove because that's the only way you get to the truth.

On the other hand, global warming "science" starts with the presumption that certain facts can't be challenged not because they've been proven beyond a shadow of a doubt, but because there's an enormous amount of money on the line and all the groups profiting from it insist you stick to the company line.

It's a broken system. It's a corrupt system. Most importantly, you can call it junk science, pseudo-science or even just putting a scientific spin on the marketing of companies profiting off global warming, but it's definitely not real science.

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is the interest payments on the $33 trillion negative balance on the credit card?

This is the real clear and present danger. This trend line of debt spending could plunge the economy into a deep recession, with millions of Americans plunged into poverty and unemployment lines.

Never again should we allow government to shut down our private economy. The shutdowns during COVID were one of the greatest abuses of power in American history. That's doubly true now that we have solid evidence that lockdowns didn't have any positive health effect.

But if it takes a short-term shutdown of some government agencies to force Congress and the White House to get serious about our fiscal ineptitude, then do it. It's for the children.

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### *Quote of the Week:*

*"What is necessary for the very existence of science and what the characteristics of nature are, are not to be determined by pompous preconditions, they are determined always by the material with which we work, by nature herself."*
*Richard P. Feynman [H/t Art Horn]*

### *Number of the Week:*

*26 per 100,000 per year v 0.64 per 100,000 per year*

### *This Week:*

*By Ken Haapala, President, Science and Environmental Policy Project (SEPP)*

The Science & Environmental Policy Project began in late 1990 as a research effort by atmospheric physicist S. Fred Singer and a handful of graduate students working out of a small office in downtownWashington, D.C.The Project had two goals: (1) to gather material for a book on global environmental issues,and (2) to conduct a survey of scientists affiliated with the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to determine the extent of what was, even then, being touted as scientific "consensus" on global warming.

What the graduate students discovered with their survey convinced Dr. Singer to set his book aside and instead to circulate among senior members of the American Meteorological Society a "Statement by Atmospheric Scientists" on greenhouse warming, which was quickly endorsed by 46 leading climatologists and atmospheric physicists (and eventually by nearly 100). That statement, issued on February 27, 1992, drew widespread media attention and was cited more than 150 times in the press. It was the first inkling journalists had that there was no scientific consensus on the reality of a global warming. Indeed, there was raging debate.

The Science & Environmental Policy Project was incorporated in the state of Virginia in 1992, and established as a nonprofit, 501(c)3 educational organization in late 1993.Today, having expanded from that core of 46 scientists, it draws on an international network of some of the finest minds in science who donate their time to promoting sound, credible, peer-reviewed research as the only basis for the health and environmental policies that affect us all.

### You can help in two ways:

**1.** Download SEPP reports, press releases, and articles and pass them on – to newspaper editors, journalists, educators, civic leaders, and others. Help stop the fearmongering and the distortion of science.This is the most important thing you can do.

**2.** Support SEPP with your tax-deductible contributions. The environmental pressure groups, which present so much wrong information, have a combined clout of more than $1 billion a year.The Science & Environmental Policy Project has had far-reaching impact on less than one-hundredth of one percent of that figure. It's money well and effectively spent.

### Send your contributions to:

The Science & Environmental Policy Project
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*And thank you.*

# SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

## The Week That Was September 9, 2023

Scope: Among the topics discussed below, is the interview of Atomic, Molecular, and Optical (AMO) physicist William Happer by Anthony Watts of the Heartland Institute. The focus of the interview is the flourishing of plant life on Earth with additional carbon dioxide ($CO_2$) emitted by humanity and natural sources. Early on, a strong emphasis was placed on the important concept of diminishing returns that applies to the effectiveness of $CO_2$ as a greenhouse gas in warming the planet.

Last week, TWTW presented three papers written by Willie Soon and other physicists, some of whom form The Center for Environmental Research and Earth Sciences (CERES) team. The papers were attacked by the blog Real Climate.org, which includes Gavin Schmidt, the head of NASA-GISS who actively promotes the reports of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The rebuttal by CERES is discussed below.

Proper use of the scientific method is a major focus of SEPP and its bulletin, TWTW. Physicist Gordon Fulks has a solid essay explaining this important concept, which is discussed below.

TWTW withheld discussion of the temperature impact of the huge Hunga Tonga eruption until John Christy, Roy Spencer, and other members of the University of Alabama in Huntsville's Earth System Science Center presented their views. Discussed are their initial findings.

Ph.D. climate scientist Patrick Brown had a climate article published by the journal, Nature, in which he intentionally omitted some key findings to get it published. This sad affair is the result of the intense politicalization of Western Science that is contrary to the scientific method which requires rigorous integrity in reporting all findings. It also explains why the journals in western science are falling behind journals in South Korea and China in reporting new findings.

Also discussed below is another deplorable effort by Washington to reduce the use of fossil fuels, needed by modern civilization. At the same time the promise that offshore wind will produce needed affordable and reliable electricity is falling apart.

Diminishing Returns: Early in his discussion of the benefits that adding $CO_2$ to the atmosphere will have on plant life, William Happer brought out that a doubling of $CO_2$ from 400 parts per million volume (ppmv) to 800 ppmv will increase the total greenhouse effect by 1% (assuming the same concentrations of other greenhouse gases). In calculating the influence on Earth's temperatures to balance this increase in the greenhouse effect, one must remember that the increase in outgoing radiation is based on the temperature in degrees Kelvin raised to the fourth power. [Chemists use ppm to represent parts per million by weight. For $CO_2$ in the atmosphere, it is measured in molecules of $CO_2$ per million molecules of air --- or moles of $CO_2$ per mole of air --- which turns out to be parts per million by volume since each mole occupies the same volume.]

Assuming Earth's temperature at 300 Kelvin, in his "back of the envelope" calculations, Happer states that this results in an increase in temperatures of 0.75°C (1.35°F). You cannot feel the difference. A graph produced by the $CO_2$ Coalition demonstrates that the per molecule influence of increasing $CO_2$ essentially flatlines after 200 ppmv. The increase is miniscule.

This is consistent with the physical evidence presented by Geoscientist Tom Gallagher on the results of deep-sea sediments recording changes in $CO_2$ and changes in surface temperatures. For example, in Coolhouse Earth, which was warmer than today's Icehouse earth and lasted from about 34 million to 3.3 million years ago. Surface $CO_2$ concentrations varied greatly, from less than 300 ppmv to more than 800 ppmv, yet the range in temperatures was small.

[In his book, The Primacy of Doubt, climate modeling pioneer Tim Palmer advocates the ensemble technique of modeling climate relied upon by the UN IPCC. Palmer comes up with 1°C for $CO_2$ doubling, then asserts this will double with increasing water vapor and on top of it adds that other physical mechanisms, unidentified, will add to it. Palmer offers no physical evidence, and the detailed HITRAN atmospheric database does not support the claims by climate modelers that atmospheric water vapor is increasing significantly.]

In discussing possible positive temperature feedbacks to an increase in temperatures, Happer invokes Le Chatelier's principle, first applied to chemistry: "if a dynamic equilibrium is disturbed by changing the conditions, the position of equilibrium shifts to counteract the change to reestablish an equilibrium." As Happer states, if this were not the case in atmospheric temperature change, we would have seen far wilder temperature variations during human history.

To Happer, the bulk of surface-air temperature change since 1800 comes from a recovery from the Little Ice Age and the Urban Heat Island Effect. He considers efforts to remove $CO_2$ from the atmosphere similar to what a leader of Britons said about the Roman conquest: "They create a desert and call it peace."

In discussing the greening of the earth, Happer states that NASA relies on a clever technique to measure the amount of chlorophyll from space. When illuminated by the sun, Chlorophyll emits light in the near infrared (fluorescent) range. This is captured by NASA satellite cameras and directly demonstrates the greening of the Earth. Happer states that increasing $CO_2$ benefits all plants, including C4 plants such as maize (corn) and sugarcane, but benefits C3 plants more. Also, 1500 ppmv may be ideal for greenhouse operators, but even higher concentrations are better for plants on Earth. Further, most feedbacks are negative, not positive, and there has never been a runaway warming. During the Little Ice Age, and the Ice Ages, we saw a desertification of high-altitude regions with significant dust storms. [During the last glaciation, these arid dust storms included the great breadbaskets of the modern world.]

In discussing the important HITRAN database, ignored by climate modelers, he points out that this huge list of data on the absorption of radiation by greenhouse gases was started by the Air Force to systematically study how greenhouse gases interfere with electromagnetic energy. It is a very good database for main greenhouse gases but not so much for rare greenhouse gases such those containing halogens. [After all, the Air Force has weapons and detection systems that need accurate information about the atmosphere.]

Happer concludes by saying that government policies to limit greenhouse gas emissions are doing enormous harm. Further, most physics is linear, but understanding climate change requires fluid mechanics, which is not linear. According to quantum mechanics pioneer Werner Heisenberg, fluid mechanics is more difficult than nuclear physics or quantum mechanics. See links under Challenging the Orthodoxy,

https://chem.libretexts.org/Bookshe…/Equilibria/Le_Chateliers_Principle)

for Le Chatelier's principle and

http://www.sepp.org/twtwfiles/2023/...

for Gallagher's discussion of climate history from deep sea sediments.

Standing Up: According to its web site:

"The Center for Environmental Research and Earth Sciences (CERES) is a multi-disciplinary and independent research group. The aims of CERES are to address important issues in the fields of environmental and earth sciences. The group strives to foster original and timely scientific understanding, in addition to re-examining old analyses with fresh insights. We hope to illuminate, enhance, and resolve new and open issues.

We believe scientific research should be driven by curiosity and open-minded efforts to match experimental results with theoretical understanding."

Its Mission Statement is:

"In recent years, the scientific community appears to have prioritized defining a 'scientific consensus' on any scientific topic - especially politically charged topics. We believe this obsession with 'forming a consensus' contradicts the ethos of true scientific inquiry and open-ended scientific research.

Instead, our approach to scientific research is driven by a deep curiosity to continually expand and revisit our understanding of important scientific topics."

This organization is not to be confused with the NASA's Clouds and the Earth's Radiant Energy System (CERES) series of instruments on some of NASA's satellite missions.

Gavin Schmidt, writing in the blog RealClimate.org, criticized some papers by the CERES group. The CERES rebuttal of that criticism begins with:

"In the last month, we have co-authored three papers in scientific peer-reviewed journals collectively dealing with the twin problems of (1) urbanization bias and (2) the ongoing debates over Total Solar Irradiance (TSI) datasets:

1. Soon et al. (2023). Climate.
https://doi.org/10.3390/cli11090179...
(Open access)
2. Connolly et al. (2023). Research in Astronomy and Astrophysics.

*continue reading at www.sepp.org*

**Number of the Week:** According to Our World in Data, the decadal average death rate of natural disasters peaked in the 1920s, at 26 deaths per 100,000. [Prior data is not as complete and not considered here.] Of the 26 deaths per 100,000 23.45 came from droughts. The following decade the death rate fell to 21.5/100,000 in the 1930s with floods accounting for 20.3/100,000. The rates continued to fall until the decade of 2000 when Earthquakes accounted for 0.7/100,000 with a total of 1.2/100,000.

In the 2010s, the last full decade, the rate was 0.6/100,000 with Earthquakes accounting for 0.4/100,000. In that decade Droughts accounted for 0.03, Floods for 0.07 and Extreme weather for 0.04/100,000. These numbers reflect that prosperity has led to great resilience in addressing natural disasters. The prosperity is created in part by reliable and affordable hydrocarbons (fossil fuels).

# 32-year Reuters veteran reporter comes clean on 'climate change': 'I had no reason to think this wasn't established fact. I was wrong'

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**From:** Neil Winton's blog WintonsWorld: Climate Change; An Alternative View But Backed By Top Experts

**Excerpt**– Jan 23, 2023:

*Winton: When I first started writing about human-induced climate change (or global warming as it was then known) as Reuters' Science & Technology Correspondent back in the mid-90s, I turned to a subject I knew from headlines rather than research.*

*But I had expectations. After all, even then, the BBC was reporting as fact global warming was upon us, it was all our fault, and we'd all die soon if we didn't listen to those that know best and act.*

*Imagine my amazement when I started talking to the world's top climate scientists and found a completely different story. The science wasn't even close to being proven, and I had great difficulty finding anyone to say the link between excessive human-made carbon dioxide (CO2) and a changing climate was clear. There were many assumptions, but no proof. Yet the BBC and the mainstream media (MSM) constantly reported a proven doom scenario.*

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My reporting reflected the wide range of views, with Reuters typical "on the one hand this, on the other, that" style. But even then, the mainstream media seem to have run out of the energy required, and often lazily went along with the BBC's faulty, opinionated thesis. It was too much trouble to make the point that the BBC's conclusion was challenged by many impressive scientists.

Fast forward 20 years and firm proof CO2 was warming the climate still hasn't been established, but politics has taken over. Sure, there are plenty of computer models with their hidden assumptions 'proving' man is guilty as charged, and the assumption that we had the power and knowledge to change the climate became embedded.

The Left had lost all of the economic arguments by the 1990s, and its activists eagerly grabbed the chance to say free markets and small government couldn't save us from climate change; only government intervention could do that. Letting capitalism run free was a certain way to ensure the end of the planet; smart Lefties should take charge and save us from ourselves.

The debate about climate change is far from over. I'm not a scientist so I don't know enough to say it's all man-made or not. But politicians and lobbyists have decided that we are all guilty. They are in the process of dismantling our way of life, ordering us to comply because it's all for the future and our children. If we are going to give up our civilization, at the very least we ought to have an open debate. Journalists need to stand up and be counted.

Reuters should be leading this movement. All it has to do is stand by its 10 Hallmarks. And maybe tell CCN thanks but no thanks; it needs to apply Reuters principles to its climate reporting.

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# Over 1,600 Scientists Sign 'No Climate Emergency' Declaration

*By Naveen Athrappully*

International scientists have jointly signed a declaration dismissing the existence of a climate crisis and insisting that carbon dioxide is beneficial to Earth, contrary to the popular alarmist narrative.

"There is no climate emergency," the Global Climate Intelligence Group (CLINTEL) said in its World Climate Declaration (pdf), made public in August. "Climate science should be less political, while climate policies should be more scientific. Scientists should openly address uncertainties and exaggerations in their predictions of global warming, while politicians should dispassionately count the real costs as well as the imagined benefits of their policy measures."

A total of 1,609 scientists and professionals from around the world have signed the declaration, including 321 from the United States.

The coalition pointed out that Earth's climate has varied as long as it has existed, with the planet experiencing several cold and warm phases. The Little Ice Age only ended as recently as 1850, they said.

"Therefore, it is no surprise that we now are experiencing a period of warming," the declaration said.

Warming is happening "far slower" than predicted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

The Real Reason Behind the 'Climate Emergency' Push

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"Climate models have many shortcomings and are not remotely plausible as policy tools," the coalition said, adding that these models "exaggerate the effect of greenhouse gases" and "ignore the fact that enriching the atmosphere with CO2 is beneficial." For instance, even though climate alarmists characterize CO2 as environmentally-damaging, the coalition pointed out that the gas is "not a pollutant."

Carbon dioxide is "essential" to all life on earth and is "favorable" for nature. Extra CO2 results in the growth of global plant biomass while also boosting the yields of crops worldwide.

CLINTEL also dismissed the narrative of global warming being linked to increased natural disasters like hurricanes, floods, and droughts, stressing that there is "no statistical evidence" to support these claims.

"There is no climate emergency. Therefore, there is no cause for panic and alarm. We strongly oppose the harmful and unrealistic net-zero CO2 policy proposed for 2050. Go for adaptation instead of mitigation; adaptation works whatever the causes are," it said.

"To believe the outcome of a climate model is to believe what the model makers have put in. This is precisely the problem of today's climate discussion to which climate models are central. Climate science has degenerated into a discussion based on beliefs, not on sound self-critical science. Should not we free ourselves from the naive belief in immature climate models?"

Climate Models and Sunlight Reflection

Among the CLINTEL signatories are two Nobel laureates—physicists John Francis Clauser from the United States and Ivan Giaever, a Norwegian-American.

Mr. Clauser has made a significant addition to climate models to dismiss the narrative of global warming: the visible light reflected by cumulus clouds which, on average, cover half of the earth.

Current climate models vastly underestimate this aspect of cumulus cloud reflection, which plays a key role in regulating the earth's temperature. Mr. Clauser previously told President Joe Biden that he disagreed with his climate policies.

In May, Mr. Clauser was elected to the board of directors at the CO2 Coalition, a group focusing on the beneficial contributions of carbon dioxide in the environment.

"The popular narrative about climate change reflects a dangerous corruption of science that threatens the world's economy and the well-being of billions of people," Mr. Clauser said in a May 5 statement.

"Misguided climate science has metastasized into massive shock-journalistic pseudoscience. In turn, the pseudoscience has become a scapegoat for a wide variety of other unrelated ills."

"It has been promoted and extended by similarly misguided business marketing agents, politicians, journalists, government agencies, and environmentalists. In my opinion, there is no real climate crisis."

False Doomsday Predictions, a Presidential Issue

CLINTEL's declaration against the climate change narrative counters propaganda spread by climate alarmists who have long predicted doomsday scenarios triggered by global warming—none of which have ever come true.

In 1970, some climate scientists predicted that the earth would move into a new ice age by the 21st century. Pollution expert James Lodge predicted that "air pollution may obliterate the sun and cause a new ice age in the first third of the new century," according to The Boston Globe.

In May 1982, Mostafa Tolba, then-executive director of the United Nations environmental program, said that if the world did not change course, it would face an "environmental catastrophe which will witness devastation as complete, as irreversible, as any nuclear holocaust" by 2000.

In June 2008, James Hansen, director of NASA's Goddard Institute of Space Sciences, said that within five to 10 years, the Arctic would have no ice left in the summer.

As climate alarmists continue to spread propaganda about global warming, the topic has become an issue in the 2024 presidential race, with multiple candidates openly dismissing it.

In a July 13 post on X, Democrat presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said that climate change "is being used to control us through fear."

"Freedom and free markets are a much better way to stop pollution. Polluters make themselves rich by making the public pay for the damage they do," he said.

During the first 2024 GOP presidential debate, candidate Vivek Ramaswamy called climate change a "hoax."

"The reality is, the anti-carbon agenda is the wet blanket on our economy. And so the reality is, more people are dying of bad climate change policies than they are of actual climate change," he said.

High Temperatures, Biden's Appliance Crackdown

Climate activists have insisted that global warming is responsible for the soaring temperatures across the United States, even claiming that temperatures are hitting record highs.

In a recent interview with The Epoch Times, John Christy, a climatologist and professor of atmospheric science at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, dismissed the narrative of record high temperatures.

"Regionally, the West has seen its largest number of hot summer records in the past 100 years, but the Ohio Valley and Upper Midwest are experiencing their fewest," he said.

"For the conterminous U.S. as a whole, the last 10 years have produced only an average number of records. The 1930s are still champs."

Climate change policies have been used to justify sweeping lifestyle changes across the United States by the Energy Department, like restricting home appliances, and sometimes, even outright banning them.

In June, the Energy Department proposed rules that would require ceiling fans to become more energy efficient, a development that could lead to manufacturers having to shell out $86.6 million per year in "increased equipment costs."

In February, the DOE proposed energy efficiency rules targeting gas stoves that would affect half of all new models of such stoves sold in the United States while making most of the existing ones noncompliant.

In July, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission proposed a policy that would remove nearly all existing portable gas generators from the market.

The Biden administration has already implemented a ban on incandescent light bulbs, which came into effect on Aug. 1.

# Useful Idiots Dominate First GOP Debate on Climate Change

*By Tom Harris*

With the exception of the scientifically sound comments of businessman Vivek Ramaswamy, the first 2024 Republican presidential primary debate made it painfully clear how most mainstream GOP politicians are failing the nation on climate change. Rather than simply telling the truth — there is no climate crisis, and efforts to solve this non-existent problem are seriously damaging the U.S. economy — they bobbed and weaved in a manner that would make Joe Frazer proud. They changed the subject. They attacked each other. They confuse climate with pollution and make meaningless statements such as "climate change is real" in an attempt to appease the debate moderators. They were useful idiots for the climate movement.

Let's dissect what Ramaswamy said with respect to climate change and energy, so we have a gauge against which to judge the rest of the candidates.

He started with the sensible statement, "Yeah, this isn't that complicated, guys. Unlock American energy, drill, frack, burn coal, embrace nuclear."

Exactly. It really isn't that complicated. America must develop its most dependable energy sources, and that certainly is not flimsy wind and solar power.

Following the moderators' politically correct but misleading preamble (see text box at right), moderator Martha Maccallum concluded by asking: "Do you believe in human behavior is causing climate change? Raise your hand if you do."

That is a meaningless question. Of course, human behavior causes climate change. Witness the urban heat island effect in large metropolitan areas as forests are replaced with parking lots and buildings. The question she should have asked is, "Do you believe humanity's carbon dioxide emissions (which is ~80% of America's greenhouse gas emissions) are causing a climate crisis?"

Ramaswamy began his response by echoing former President Donald Trump, saying, "… Climate change agenda is a hoax.… The climate change agenda is a hoax. The climate change agenda is a hoax."

Yes, he said it three times in quick succession, and despite the horror of left-wing media and a mixed reaction from the audience, the ceiling did not collapse. In fact, according to a series of polls taken by the Washington Post/FiveThirtyEight/Ipsos, 26% of potential primary voters who watched the debate scored Ramaswamy the winner, behind only DeSantis. There was also an increase in the fraction of voters who said they would consider supporting Ramaswamy, 40% pre-debate rising to 46% following the debate, although those who said they would not consider voting for him increased by 5%. Not surprisingly, given his promise to pardon Trump if elected, Ramaswamy earned an affirmation on social media from the former president that he was the winner of the debate.



Ramaswamy cont inued in his response to Maccallum's question:

"And the reality is the anti-carbon agenda is the wet blanket on our economy. And so the reality is more people are dying of bad climate change policies than they are of actual climate change."

Isn't that refreshing? Yes, the climate change agenda is certainly a hoax, and the "anti-carbon agenda" is having serious detrimental effects on the economy. And, yes as well to the real cause of people dying. As Texas demonstrated during the February 2021 cold snap that left up to 700 people dead when wind and solar power failed, people do die due to bad climate policies.

In his concluding remarks, Ramaswamy hit the nail on the head by channeling philosopher and energy expert Alex Epstein (see here for my America Out Loud interview with Alex):

"Fossil fuels are a requirement for human prosperity."

President Joe Biden then tweeted an inane jab at Ramaswamy: "Climate change is real, by the way."

Well, Joe, so is gravity and sunrise. That doesn't mean we cause them or that they are a problem.

Grade for Vivek Ramaswamy on climate change: Excellent, A+

(Biden on climate change: Fail, F)

No one else on stage even came close to Ramaswamy on this topic.

Aside from saying that he did not raise his hand in response to moderator Maccallum's silly question, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis generally flopped on the issue. In his introductory remarks, he had said previously:

"And finally, we need to lower your gas prices. We're going to open up all energy production. We will be energy-dominant again in this country. I showed it could be done in the state of Florida."

That was good. But then DeSantis went completely off the rails in response to Maccallum's query, lecturing the moderators about the inappropriateness of the question ("Look, we're not school children…") and as The UK's The Guardian reported:

"Ron DeSantis immediately derailed efforts to elicit a clear yes or no response from candidates on whether they believe in human-caused climate change. He said, "Let's have the debate," before proceeding not to have the debate."

DeSantis then shifted to mild useful idiot mode when he launched into an attack on President Joe Biden for his weak response to the fires in Mauli, thus implying that they were caused by man-made climate change, which of course, they were not.

Grade for Governor Ron DeSantis on climate change: Weak, C

Former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie used his time for responding to the question to simply attack Ramaswamy and said nothing about climate or energy. It was as if Christie sat for an exam and answered none of the test questions, therefore achieving a score of zero.

Grade for former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie on climate change: F

Former US ambassador to the United Nations and Former South Carolina Governor, Nikki Haley said a lot in response to the question, but little of it made sense. After the sexist remark, "I think this is exactly why Margaret Thatcher said if you want something said, "Ask a man. If you want something done, ask a woman," Haley promoted the mistaken notion that climate policy is about reducing pollution:

"First of all, we do care about clean air and clean water; we want to see that taken care of. But there's a right way to do it. And the right way to do it is, first of all, yes, is climate change real? Yes, it is. But if you want to go and really change the environment, then we need to start telling China and India that they have to lower their emissions. That's where our problem is."

So, Haley jumbled up pollution abatement with climate change and then implied that reducing emissions (she did not define which

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# Washington Post Buried Proof of Joe Biden's Bribery

*By James Agresti*

Overview

After ignoring smoking gun emails on Hunter Biden's laptop for more than two years, the Washington Post has finally reported they exist and are authentic.

However, the paper's lead "fact checker" Glenn Kessler, continues to deny that Joe Biden engaged in bribery and obstructed justice—even though the emails prove that he did.

While weaving this tale, Kessler unwittingly raises issues that cement Biden's guilt and implicates the Washington Post in burying the evidence.

The Context

In April 2014, while Joe Biden was the vice-president, he traveled to Ukraine and publicly promised its legislators that the U.S. would help Ukraine increase its fossil fuel production. In the very same month:

• the owner of the largest private natural gas company in Ukraine—a notoriously corrupt oligarch named Nikolai Zlochevskyi—appointed Hunter Biden and one of Hunter's business partners to the company's board.

• the company began making a series of payments totaling at least $3.3 million to a Delaware corporation that gave $708,312 directly to Hunter and $2.5 million to entities associated with Hunter.

• the oligarch's London bank accounts were seized in a money laundering investigation.

Hunter sent an email to his business claiming that "we will not and cannot intervene directly with domestic policy makers" while setting up a secret communication channel: "Buy a cell phone from a 7/11 or CVS tmrw and ill do the same."

This and other incriminating emails from Hunter Biden's laptop—falsely labeled as "Russian disinformation" by Joe Biden and the media—have been broadly and indisputably verified as authentic.

The Smoking Gun Emails

One year later in April 2015—after the oligarch's company had paid the Delaware corporation at least $2 million—one of the oligarch's top executives met with Hunter and Joe Biden at a restaurant near the White House named Café Milano.

Despite multiple emails proving the meeting happened, the Biden campaign, Kessler, and numerous media outlets casted doubt on this fact until a photo and testimony from one of the attendees confirmed that both Bidens dined that night at Café Milano with the gas company executive and several of Hunter's other business partners.

Seven months after that in November 2015, the same executive sent a graphically incriminating email to Hunter and his partners in which he:

• told them to "proceed immediately" with getting "high-ranking US officials" to "visit" Ukraine and convince "the highest level of decision makers" to "close down" all "cases/pursuits against" the oligarch.

• identified the "President of Ukraine" and the "Prosecutor General" as two of their "key targets."

• reminded them that ending these criminal cases was the "true purpose" and the "ultimate purpose" of their "engagement" and "all our joint efforts."

Hunter's partners then discussed the executive's email among themselves while making clear that Hunter and anonymous high-ranking U.S. officials would handle the matter, writing:

"I would tell" the executive that we "deliberately" didn't mention the names of the top U.S. officials who will shield the oligarch from prosecution "to be on the safe and cautious side."

"Hunter, You need to deliver that message."

Hunter then replied to the executive, "Looking forward to getting started on this," and Joe Biden proceeded to do exactly what the emails specified word-for-word:

Almost "immediately" after the Hunter wrote that he was "getting started," the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine announced eight days later that "Vice President Biden"—a "high-ranking US official"—"will travel to Ukraine" within a month.

During that trip, Biden pressured "the highest level of decision makers" in Ukraine to fire the nation's chief prosecutor by singling out "key targets" in the email. Biden threatened Ukraine's president and prime minister that he would withhold a U.S. billion-dollar loan guarantee unless the "state prosecutor" was fired. "If the prosecutor is not fired," warned Biden, "you're not getting the money." Biden then bragged, "Well, son of a bitch, he got fired."

The replacement prosecutor—who Biden called "solid"—then agreed to drop all criminal charges against the oligarch if he paid back taxes and penalties. This led the oligarch to praise the deal, saying that it would allow his company to increase "production" and "attract international companies to Ukraine."

Given the crystal clear words of these emails, the actions of Joe Biden align with textbook definitions of bribery, extortion, and obstruction of justice. Yet, the Washington Post's chief "Fact Checker," Glenn Kessler, is denying these implications.

The Post Knew

Even though Tucker Carlson exposed the first of the smoking gun emails in October 2020, the establishment media completely ignored Carlson's report and the entire cache of related emails for the next 31 months.

During this media blackout, Just Facts found the replies from Hunter and his partners, proving beyond a reasonable doubt in August 2022 that Joe Biden obstructed justice and engaged in bribery.

For nearly a year after that, Just Facts asked dozens of journalists, editors, producers, commentators, and elected officials to address this evidence, but few would. Among those who did were the Bongino Report, radio hosts Eric Metaxas and Rich Valdes, and Just Facts' syndication partners like the Heartland Institute, Grabien, the Tennessee Star, the Thinking Conservative, Issues & Insights, and Zenger News.

Then in July 2023, Fox News answered the call with an explosive article featured at the top of its website with quotes from Republican lawmakers like these:

"There can be no doubt about Burisma's motives for paying Hunter Biden millions despite his lack of industry expertise, it's right there in black and white." – Senator Chuck Grassley

"Putting personal

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# WILL Wins Lawsuit Over Illegal Voter Registration Form

WEC violated rulemaking requirements, cannot bypass the rule of law

The News: WILL won a lawsuit against the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) on behalf of Rick Braun, a registered Wisconsin voter and taxpayer.

The suit challenged the use of the National Mail Voter Registration Form in Wisconsin, which was issued by the United States Election Assistance Commission. The suit argued that the use of the Form to register voters in Wisconsin was unlawful, because WEC never lawfully adopted it and because it failed to meet statutory requirements.

The Quote: Lucas Vebber, WILL Deputy Counsel, stated, "It is unfortunate that time and time again Wisconsinites have to go to court to force state agencies to follow the law. Today's win is a tremendous victory for Wisconsinites, and sends yet another strong message to bureaucrats who disregard the rule of law."

Background: In July 2022, WILL sent a letter to WEC noting the many ways in which the National Form violated Wisconsin statutes and asking when and how the Form was approved for use in the state. WEC was unable to produce any records showing when or how the Form was approved in Wisconsin—or even that it was, in fact, approved.

WEC's inability to provide such basic information was highly unusual, given that the Election Manual which WEC publishes and provides to all municipal clerks states—as a fact—that the Form had been approved for voter registration in Wisconsin.

In September 2022, WILL filed a lawsuit, alleging that WEC violated its statutory duty to ensure that elections in Wisconsin were administered in a lawful manner by allowing the use of the Form to be used—despite its many inconsistencies with state law.

The Decision: The Court decided that the use of the National Form to register a voter in Wisconsin is illegal. The Form had not been lawfully adopted for use in this state. The Court further enjoined WEC from issuing any guidance that the Form is approved for use in Wisconsin unless and until it is legally adopted; and ordered WEC to withdraw any existing guidance which purports to allow use of the Form, and to notify all municipal clerks that it may not be used going forward.

Regarding this decision, Judge Michael P. Maxwell wrote, "WEC attempts feebly to rely upon the affidavit of Mr. Kevin Kennedy, the election agency administrator for the prior two state elections agencies, but Mr. Kennedy as the former chief administrator of elections in this state for nearly thirty-three years cannot provide any credible evidence as to where, when, or how the National Form was approved. Certainly, Mr. Kennedy offers no evidence that WEC approved the National Form as is required by Wis. Stat. § 6.33."

Wisconsinites may easily register to vote using the Wisconsin-specific form (Form EL-131) which was adopted by WEC legally and is available online and through municipal clerks—and that form, which is in wide use, is not impacted by this decision in any way.

# Court Finds Arizona's Signature Matching Process Unlawful in 'Massive Win' for Election Integrity

*By Tom Ozimek*

A judge has found that Arizona's signature matching process for mail-in ballots is unlawful, delivering what the plaintiffs in the lawsuit called a "massive win" for election integrity.

Yavapai County Superior Court Judge John Napper issued a ruling last week (pdf) in a lawsuit against Arizona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes brought by public interest group Restoring Integrity and Trust in Elections (RITE), which alleged that Mr. Fontes broke the law regarding mail-in ballot signature verification procedures.

Specifically, the group argued that Mr. Fontes' interpretation of "registration record" in the Secretary of State's Elections Procedures Manual was unreasonably broad and improperly expanded the pool of signatures to which an early ballot affidavit signature could be compared, increasing the risk of false positives.

"While state law requires county recorders to match mail-ballot signatures with signatures in the voter's 'registration record,' the Secretary instructed them to use a broader and less reliable universe of comparison signatures," RITE said in a Sept. 5 statement on the court ruling.

"That means the Secretary was requiring ballots to be counted despite using a signature that did not match anything in the voter's registration record. This was a clear violation of state law," the group added.

Former gubernatorial candidate Kari Lake, who sued Mr. Fontes and Maricopa County officials over the signature verification process that was used in last year's election, took to X to post about the decision.

"A court just found that Arizona's signature matching process is UNLAWFUL," Ms. Lake said.

"This is what happens when you don't back down from a fight," the Kari Lake War Room account said in a post on X.

Mr. Fontes' office did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the ruling.

Dispute Over 'Registration Record'

Court documents show that Mr. Fontes argued that the legal definition of "registration record" is ambiguous and so he is entitled to provide guidance on its interpretation.

"Does the legislature's use of the expansive term registration 'record' really mean the more restrictive (but unused) term registration 'form' for purposes of verifying a signature on an early voted ballot," reads a motion to dismiss (pdf) the RITE lawsuit filed by Mr. Fontes' attorneys.

"The answer is 'no,'" the attorneys argued, listing reasons that include the Secretary of State's statutory authority to conduct elections fairly and impartially.

But the judge disagreed with the reasoning.

"This argument fails because there is no ambiguity in the statute," Mr. Napper wrote in his opinion.

He added that the Arizona "statute is clear and unambiguous" in that it requires the recorder to "review the voter's registration card" and not other documents bearing the voter's signature.

Mr. Napper also noted that Mr. Fontes' signature-matching process in the Election Procedures Manual "contradicts the plain language" of Arizona elections laws by allowing signature matching with documents that have "nothing to do with the act of registering."

Accordingly, the judge denied Mr. Fontes' motion to dismiss the lawsuit.

In a statement, Derek Lyons, CEO of RITE, called the decision a "huge victory toward securing the elections that Arizonans deserve, which are elections they can trust."

"RITE will build on this victory to continue to fight in court for elections that are administered according to democratically enacted laws, not illegal partisan commands," he added.

The group said in a statement that the ruling shows that Mr. Fontes must change his signature verification procedures before the next election to "protect the integrity of Arizona's mail-in balloting process" or face further legal consequences.

It's unclear whether the ruling will have any implications for Ms. Lake's lawsuit against Mr. Fontes and Maricopa County officials over the signature verification process that was used in last year's gubernatorial election.

A judge in May dismissed Ms. Lake's lawsuit but she filed an appeal (pdf), which is ongoing before the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Kari Lake Angle

Election data from the November 2022 election shows that Ms. Lake was behind Democrat Katie Hobbs—who has since been declared Arizona governor—by about 17,000 votes.

Ms. Lake and her legal team argued there was a flood of mail-in ballots in Maricopa County at a time when there were too few workers to verify ballot signatures properly.

Her lawyers contended that there was evidence that lower-level screeners who found inconsistencies in signatures ran them up the chain of command, where they were ignored by higher-level verifiers.

Ms. Lake's campaign team shared a video of what appears to be a signature reviewer clicking through signatures quickly, about one per second, suggesting that the reviewers weren't "treating the integrity of your vote with the respect it deserves."

Her attorneys argued that Maricopa County officials ultimately accepted thousands of ballots that had been rejected earlier by workers for having mismatched signatures.

Ms. Lake sued Ms. Hobbs, along with Mr. Fontes and Maricopa County election officials, requesting last year's election results be thrown out or that she be declared the winner.

But Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Peter A. Thompson ruled against Ms. Lake, arguing that her team provided insufficient evidence to back their claim and that the short time spent on verifying each signature wasn't relevant and so didn't amount to a violation of the law.

Mr. Thompson also wrote in the ruling that the order amounts to "confirming the election of Katie Hobbs as Arizona Governor."

On May 31, Ms. Lake filed a notice of appeal, with litigation ongoing.

## Next Civil War *cont. from page 1*

Current President Joe Biden is under investigation in multiple U.S. House committees for suspicion of family foreign influence peddling in exchange for financial bribes totaling many millions of dollars during his previous term as vice president under suspicion of influences upon policy decisions.

The two top 2024 presidential contenders are currently polling in a dead heat, with a recent Wall Street Journal survey showing each tied at 46% of the national vote in a hypothetical matchup.

Donald Trump dominates his party's primary field by a comfortable lead of more than 45 percentage points over his closest rival, Fla. Gov. Ron DeSantis.

It appears that the four Trump indictments, the latest in Georgia featuring an iconic mugshot that he is using as a campaign benefit, are growing his support.

According to an Aug. 20 CBS poll, 77% of likely GOP voters believe the legal attacks are politically motivated.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis' charges against Trump sweep in numerous legal and policy advisers as members of a mob enterprise under Georgia's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) legislation.

Ironically, one of those 19 people indicted is former U.S. attorney for the Southern District and New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani who used RICO provisions to successfully prosecute major Mafia leaders.

The Florida indictments charging Trump with retaining classified documents reveal a literally weaponized two-tier justice system originally featuring the horrific scene of an early morning Aug. 2019 FBI swat team raid on his personal Mar-a-Lago residence and former first lady Melania's wardrobe closet for materials he was authorized to declassify and retain.

Contrast this with many boxes containing classified materials dating back to his early Senate days discovered at multiple Biden properties with no such legal presidential privilege yet including some more recent ones reportedly addressing sensitive Ukraine information.

Nevertheless, we watched Trump impeached over asking incoming Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelinsky to look into evidence that former VP Biden had compromised America by murky dealings involving son Hunter's annual million-dollar no-show board position with Burisma, a corrupt energy company which have since proved true.

Joe had even publicly bragged about withholding a billion dollars in authorized U.S. aid unless they fired the prosecutor. Soon afterwards, he and Hunter reportedly each received $5 million from Burisma's owner.

Despite frequent denials of knowledge about Hunter's foreign businesses in numerous countries, many that are U.S. adversaries, evidence proves otherwise.

A July 30, 2017 WhatsApp message shakedown of Henry Zhao, a Chinese executive with CEFC, another corrupt energy company with known Communist Party (CCP) connections, threatened: "I am sitting here with my father and we would like to understand why the commitment made has not been fulfilled."

Records revealed to the House Ways and Means Committee show that the following month Hunter's Owasco P.C. firm received nearly $5 million in a series of CEFC payments.

Questions also remain regarding what services were rendered to CEFC warranting a 10% cut for the "big guy," aka. Joe Biden, as famously revealed by Hunter's former partner Tony Bobulinski; why more than a million dollars in CEFC payments were distributed to Biden family members out of $3 million CEFC wired to Rob Walker, a Biden family associate, fewer than two months after Joe left office as vice president in 2017; and why an email from Hunter to his daughter complains about having to pay as much as "half" of his income to his father.

Add to this, questions regarding why on Feb. 14, 2014, Yelena Baturina, the billionaire widow of a former mayor of Moscow, would wire $3.5 million

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## Useful Idiots *cont. from page 8*

emissions) was worthwhile and that China and India must do so.

Haley continued, "And these green subsidies that Biden has put in, all he's done is help China because he doesn't understand all these electric vehicles that he's done; half of the batteries for electric vehicles are made in China. And so that's not helping the environment. You're putting money in China's pocket, and Biden did that. So, first of all, I think we need to acknowledge the truth, which is these subsidies are not working. We also need to take on the international world and say, okay, India and China, you've got to stop polluting. And that's when we'll start to deal with climate."

Good grief. She is essentially calling carbon dioxide pollution and implying that electric vehicles contribute to slowing climate change, a common tactic of climate activists and RINO politicians.

Bing AI defines "word salad" as: "a jumble of extremely incoherent speech or writing that has no apparent connection or meaning. It is sometimes observed as a symptom of a mental disorder, such as schizophrenia."

Haley obviously does not suffer from a mental disorder, but her comments certainly fulfill the definition of the word salad gobbledygook. I expected better from America's former ambassador to the UN, although perhaps that is where she learned to speak like this.

Grade for former US ambassador to the UN and former South Carolina Governor, Nikki Haley on climate change: Fail, F

South Carolina Senator Tim Scott's reply was interesting. It started well:

"…If we want the environment to be better, and we all do, the best thing to do is to bring our jobs home from China. If we create 10 million new jobs in my made-in-America plan, we will have a better economy and a better environment."

Right on, Senator Scott. He should have stopped right there before he shot himself in the foot, which he then did as he shifted into useful idiot mode, boosting the idea that cutting our "carbon footprint" is a solution to climate change:

"Let me tell you why I say that, Brett. America has cut its carbon footprint in half in the last 25 years. The places where they are continuing to increase are Africa, 950 million people, India, over a billion; and China, over a billion. Why would we put ourselves at a disadvantage, devastating our own economy? Let's bring our jobs home."

Grade for Senator Tim Scott on climate change: mediocre, C+

North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum did not get an opportunity to respond to the climate change question. However, at other times in the debate, he made superb comments about the energy that I have highlighted in the text box to the right. If Burgum were so straightforward on climate change, then he could certainly challenge Ramaswamy's grade on the topic.

Neither Former Vice President Mike Pence nor Former Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson had the opportunity to respond to the climate change question, although Hutchison was the only candidate who raised his hand in response to Maccallum's silly question.

So, my grades for the candidates who responded to the climate change question are:

Businessman Vivek Ramaswamy: A+

Senator Tim Scott: C+

Governor Ron DeSantis: C

Former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie: F

Former South Carolina Governor, Nikki Haley: F

I expect that Trump would have tied Ramaswamy for first place on this topic.

We have too many useful idiots in the GOP attempting the impossible task of appeasing climate extremists by, either directly or indirectly, supporting the climate scare. It has done nothing but strengthen our enemies' hands, weaken America, and reduce her security, while throwing hundreds of thousands of coal, oil, and natural gas workers out of work, leading to run-away energy prices and inflation. A Trump/Ramaswamy ticket would obviously be a climate realist's dream. Let's hope it happens!

## Pro-Lifers *cont. from page 3*

position with that of Holocaust deniers. They can simply reply that no knowledgeable person doubts that Earth's climate has been changing since the planet's formation 4.5 billion years ago. Testifying before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development on February 10, 2005, Professor Tim Patterson, now Chairman of the Department of Earth Science at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada put it well (watch his whole testimony here):

"Based on the paleoclimatic data I and others have collected, it's obvious that climate is and always has been variable. In fact, the only constant about climate is change; it changes continually. We certainly have no chance of stopping this natural phenomenon."

Then pro-lifers can tell their attackers that the changes that we witness today are minimal compared to what has occurred throughout geologic history. Consider, for example, the most recent glacial maximum that ended about 20,000 years ago. Glaciers covered most of North America all the way down to just south of the present-day border between Canada and the U.S. There was about 3.3 km of ice over the land where Montreal now sits. That's almost 5 and a half times the height of the CN Tower. Apart from a small area in the Yukon where there was little snow and ice cover due to low moisture levels in the atmosphere, practically no life survived in Canada.

Next, Patterson explained, "Ten thousand years ago . . . temperatures rose as much as 6 degrees C in a decade." This is about 50 times faster than what we have seen over the past century.

Pro-life activists can also cite Dr. Craig Idso, a lead author for Climate Change Reconsidered series of reports. Speaking at a panel held in Katowice, Poland while the UN's 2018 climate conference (COP24) was being held, Idso said:

"Given what is compiled in those reports and the thousands of peer-reviewed scientific references therein, I can tell you with complete confidence that there is absolutely no observational evidence that provides any compelling support for the contention that there is something unusual, unnatural or unprecedented about Earth's current warmth."

Yes, some regions will set new temperature records now and then. For example, the polar darkness period from April to September 2021 set a record for the coldest time near the South Pole (-61oC according to the U.S. National Snow & Ice Data Center). But Fritz Vahrenholt, CEO of the German Wildlife Foundation, and the former CEO of a wind turbine company, was correct when he said in the 2019 documentary film "Global Warning,"

"… what we could show [in published in peer reviewed journals] is that the medieval warm period from 950 to twelve hundred fifty was as warm as today. The IPCC said, yes, it is only in Northern Europe. So, what we did is we investigated South America, we investigated Africa, Antarctica, Oceania and could show in all continents of the Earth it was as warm as today, 1,000 years ago… And if you go further to the Roman period, you have the same thing every thousand year you have a warm period."

Pro-lifers will undoubtedly be attacked for denying the impact of climate change on the most vulnerable people in our society. Here is how to answer that charge:

There is no question that climate change has had a huge impact on human affairs. The following plot of temperature versus time for Central Greenland is a good illustration of the natural climate change we have seen over the past four thousand years and the related societal impacts. Note how cold periods coincided with hardships for humanity while, in most cases, warm periods were beneficial. Contrary to the proclamations of global warming activists, every year more people die from the cold than from the heat. A study in the British Medical journal The Lancet found that,

"Cold weather kills 20 times as many people as hot weather, according to an international study analyzing over 74 million deaths in 384 locations across 13 countries."

If one goes back further in geologic times, you have even more evidence that today's

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## Constitution *cont. from page 1*

and Bar Rules. He is appointed by an Attorney General ("AG") who believes he is "The Law."

The statutes, regulations, and Bar Rules are irrelevant except to law students.

A law student might discuss 28 U.S.C. sections 509, 510, 515, and 533 as granting the AG vast powers to conduct investigations and to appoint so-called "special counsels." All the AG needs to do is prepare an appointment letter which tells the public little. From that point forward, the public is locked out of the justice system, and the special counsel is free to make any innocent person a criminal or any criminal an innocent person.

The law student would cite 28 C.F.R Part 600 as the regulations governing special counsels. 28 C.F.R. Sec. 600.3 is the key section. It mandates that "the Special Counsel shall be selected from outside the United States Government." As a U.S. Attorney, David Weiss is disqualified as a government employee. Moreover, that section requires the special counsel to "conduct the investigation ably, expeditiously and thoroughly." The past performance of Mr. Weiss in the Hunter Biden saga, in which he failed, after four years, to find even publicly available evidence, establishes an embarrassing lack of skills.

Section 28 C.F.R, sec 600.7 requires that a special counsel shall comply with the rules … and policies of the Department of Justice, including being from outside the government. Being in violation of sec. 600.3 qualifies as misconduct. There is no direct language in AG's Order No. 5730-2023, appointing Weiss, that specifically revokes the prohibition. Using sleight of hand, the AG attempts to unilaterally change federal regulations, without any notice, by requiring Weiss to comply with only a few of the federal regulations, sections 600.4 to 600.10. The AG omits compliance with sec. 600.3, the provision that requires Special Counsels to be outside of government. Fortunately, due to sloppy drafting, sec. 600.7, one of the sections that must be followed, mandates compliance with all policies and regulations of the DOJ. Since sec.600.3 was not revoked, it still applies to Weiss.

This is another example of the lengths the AG will go to break the law just to protect a corrupt administration. He tried a similar scheme in the Hunter Biden plea deal when he hid Hunter Biden's complete immunity from prosecution in an unrelated section of the documents.

Does the AG have the legal authority to secretly revoke a regulatory requirement without going through the Office of Legal Counsel and taking public comment on the proposed rule? Doubtful, but such deceit is more proof of the Biden Syndicate at work.

Additionally, the AG cannot destroy the rule of law in the states unless the states want to be complicit in its destruction.

Under Bar Rule 1.7, a lawyer may represent a client if there is the existence of a conflict of interest if "the representation is not prohibited by law." Unfortunately for Mr. Weiss, sec. 600.3 prohibits such representation since regulations are considered laws.

Under Bar Rule 3.3 and in comments, a lawyer owes a duty of candor to the court. By serving as Special Counsel, Mr. Weiss has an affirmative duty to notify the court that he is acting in violation of federal regulations. Under Bar Rule 8.4, Mr. Weiss must inform the court he is intentionally committing misconduct before the court. Acting as Special Counsel in violation of federal law, he violates the Bar Rules by engaging in conduct involving deceit and misrepresentation if he tries to hide his federal employee status and the AG's attempt to secretly waive federal regulations without the proper notice.

If Weiss ever returns to federal court in Delaware, or anywhere, in the Hunter Biden matter, the judge should ask: "Are you a government employee?" If Weiss answers "yes," the court should disqualify Weiss. It would be an oxymoronic act for the AG to state his department has a conflict of interest in the Biden investigation and then waive a regulation so he could appoint a special counsel that has the same conflict of interest. It is the duty of all judges to supervise the conduct of prosecutors and to report professional misconduct.

Weiss was appointed special counsel because the Biden administration has public disdain for the rule of law, the Constitution, and Congress. If the judge disqualifies Mr. Weiss from operating as Special Counsel, the public will quickly discover the administration's disdain for the courts. Paraphrasing President Andrew Jackson, "the judge made her decision, now let her enforce it."

It is almost impossible for a court to enforce its orders without assistance from the Department of Justice. Unfortunately, most courts, when confronted by a ruthless president, "will hear no evil, see no evil, and speak no evil."

Historians will write volumes on the most corrupt presidential administration in history. Citizens a century from now will wonder why U.S. law enforcement agencies supported and protected such a corrupt president. The "Books" will range from "We did not know he was a Manchurian President" to "The Deep State was the puppeteer of a mindless old guy." Unfortunately, the nation will decline as long as the DOJ is the bureaucratic handmaid for corruption.

Future Americans will ponder the imponderable until they realize that no matter how strongly we believe in our Constitution and the rule of law, such beliefs are irrelevant if our leaders are corrupt. Corrupt leaders destroy every nation they rule. In the final analysis, corruption is happening here in the "Good Ol U.S.A." Corruption is the signature characteristic of the Biden administration.

Thank God for history. It will be the only voice to hold the Biden administration and its corrupt legal system accountable for its misdeeds. History will be brutal.

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## MADISON Monday Morning

*By The Wisconsin Conservative Digest*

It's Monday September 11, 2023, and the Wisconsin biennial budget is still $99,339,385,600.

Never Forget – September 11, 2001 – The men and women (Hero's all) who lost their lives on this day in the senseless and tragic event in New York City.

The Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) is moving forward with an "emergency rule" and a "permanent rule" that many experts feel is aimed directly at keeping President Trump off the ballot come 2024.

WISN's Dan O'Donnell reports that it is clear WEC is trying to keep Trump off the ballot. The article quotes Janel Brandtjen as saying, "it's clearly aimed at Trump". Read the article here:

https://newstalk1130.iheart.com/featured/common-sense-central/content/2023-09-06-exclusive-wec-trying-to-change-rules-to-more-easily-keep-trump-off-ballot/

Note: Let's remember that Robin Vos said he would do "everything he could" to prevent Trump from becoming the nominee. Let's also remember the Chair of the Wisconsin Elections Commission [WEC], Don Millis, serves at the pleasure of Vos. Hmmm.

In order to rush this through WEC needed to state that an emergency exists – the following is taken directly from the WEC documents –

FINDING OF EMERGENCY:

This Statement of Scope pertains to the promulgation of an emergency rule under Wis. Stat. § 227.24(1)(a). The preservation of the public peace, safety, and welfare necessitates putting the rule into effect prior to the time it would take effect of the agency complied with the procedures. Wis. Stat. § 227.24(1)(a). The preservation of peace, safety, and welfare of Wisconsin elections necessitates putting this rule into effect prior to the time it would take to promulgate it normally under chapter 227. In only six months, February 2024 will kick off the election cycle for a major presidential election year, which is expected to produce high voter turnout and high levels of scrutiny on Wisconsin's election procedures. Emergency rulemaking will provide the Commission an opportunity to address election administration needs ahead of the elections in 2024. There simply is not enough time to promulgate permanent rules on these topics and fully implement them before major elections in 2024, unless the Commission promulgates them as emergency rules under § 227.24(1)(a). The Commission has already begun to receive public comments regarding candidates likely to seek ballot access for elections in 2024.

Read the whole thing here – Page 293 of the pdf –

https://elections.wi.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Open%20Session%20Sept.7.2023.2%20-FINAL%20REVISED.pdf

## Don't worry about despising the GOP leadership – They despise you too!

*By Bill Savage*

Holding Republicans Accountable

Note: September is here, and I'll be kicking-off my "We've Had Enough" Project with full-steam ahead. I've already spoken to dozens of potential candidates to primary the RINOS. To help make it easier for everyone who wishes to help, I've decreased the yearly subscription (it's completely voluntary) to $30. A tank of gas will go a long way in this effort!

Don't worry about despising the GOP leadership – They despise you too!

One thing is perfectly clear about the Wisconsin Republican leadership team. They don't care what you think. Partly because they know as a conservative, you'll hold your nose and vote for their RINO candidates after they use the millions of dollars they hustle out of the deep pocket lobbyists to run any conservative primary challenger into the ground. Once elected, these same RINO's are done talking to you. They are done answering to you. They are done taking your questions. To put it bluntly, they are done with you period. UNTIL… Until election time comes around.

Don't confuse the MAGA voter with the republican voter. Does everyone remember the old well-worn but yet still famous establishment talking point – "so and so has broad appeal outside the party" argument? Somehow that only applies to their candidates. There are MAGA voters that are not part of the republican party, some were never republican voters, and many were but can now (thanks to Trump) plainly see that the Republican Party isn't much better than the Democrat Party. They just pretend to be better and do a few inconsequential but ceremonious things so they can say SEE!! Look at us fight for you! Robin Vos has made a career of doing just that! The latest is his "we want tax cuts" push that he now has his minions doing. They look like fools by the way.

My comments on my Facebook page regarding Representative Gundrum's press conference – "It's too late to hold hands in front of a camera. The republicans have only one bargaining chip while Tony Evers is governor. And that is the biennial budget. The republicans control EVERY PENNY that gets spent. Instead of withholding money for the governor's pet projects and demanding tax relief BEFORE the money was allocated, they handed the governor a $100 Billion spending package without even a promise of retaining the tax cut for middle class families. Gundrum and the leadership he voted for have failed us."

Getting back to the establishment not answering questions from all of us little insignificant peons – Have you noticed that people who have done honest and honorable things don't mind answering a few questions while criminals hide their faces in shame? How are your elected "republicans" conducting themselves? And yeah, that's yet another fair question isn't it?

Has Robin Vos's chickens come home to roost?

How many 180's can Robin Vos do when it comes to election

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# Wisconsin's Patriot Groups Are on Fire!



*By Joseph Bast*

Freedom is under fierce attack in Wisconsin, as it is in the rest of the country. Thankfully, patriot groups are rising to the challenge. Some were started at the beginning of the Tea Party movement in 2009, others are so new that they are still writing bylaws and electing officers.

Here is a brief introduction to just a few of the groups I am most familiar with. They appear in alphabetical order. Next month, I'll introduce you to more groups. They need and deserve your support!

If you are familiar with a group that is working for freedom in your community, send me an email at josephbast@protonmail.com and I'll make an effort to include it in my next article.

**The Badger Institute** is an excellent source of original research on Wisconsin public policy issues with a conservative perspective. The think tank's website sorts publications, news releases, etc. into eight "initiatives" on Criminal Justice, COVID-19, Dental Therapy, Education, Licensing and Regulation, a Project for 21st Century Federalism, Transportation, and Workforce. From its website:

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**The Fox Valley Initiative** is a group of patriots in the Appleton Fox Valley area interested in local, state, and federal issues that impact our lives. We meet on the first Monday of each month at Freedom Project Academy, 750 North Hickory Farm Lane, Appleton, Wisconsin (near the intersection of Hwy. 96 and Lynndale Drive). Check the Facebook page for speakers and details of events.

We originated in 2009 as a reaction to perceived threats to our constitutional freedoms being advanced by the Obama administration. Today we seek to inform, educate, and activate those who share our values to influence local, state, and federal elected officials. Issues we have undertaken include school choice, health care, critical race theory, and sexualization of children in K-12 schools. We have also hosted listening sessions with local school board and county board members.

www.foxvalleyinitiative.com
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**The Liberty Alliance of Wisconsin (LAW)** is a new organization formed to become the hub of a statewide network of patriotic organizations based in Wisconsin and devoted to supporting and defending the Wisconsin and U.S. Constitutions, in order to restore freedom and the rule of law. Our mission is to identify patriotic groups in Wisconsin, invite them to join our network, and share ideas to increase the impact of network members, restore election integrity, and protect the sanctity of life.

LAW does not take positions on issues, endorse or provide financial support to candidates, or endorse the use of violence to achieve social or political ends. The opinions and statements expressed by member organizations do not necessarily reflect those of LAW or approval by LAW.

So far, a dozen patriot groups have joined LAW and are actively sharing information. LAW is hosting its third organizing meeting on October 14, 2023, in Appleton to approve bylaws, elect officers, and hear reports from members.

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**Northeast Wisconsin** (NEW) Patriots is an all-volunteer group of patriots in the Green Bay area devoted to re-establishing the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity. We do this by educating the public, promoting and supporting quality candidates, and communicating with our elected officials, while remaining politically independent.

We work together with many allies and friends to present guest speakers to discuss current issues and recommend a simple call to action; provide an open forum for candidates and elected officials; provide education on government, the Constitution, and political issues of interest; affiliate with a limited number of regional and national organizations with similar interests; and identify and support candidates who share our mission.

We invite all interested patriots of a conservative bent to attend our meetings and get involved. This is grassroots advocacy at its best, but it takes the involvement of each and every citizen to make real changes, changes that would return the freedoms and liberties once guaranteed by the Constitution and given to us by the Founding Fathers, back to the people.

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**Wisconsin Conservative Coalition (WCC)** is an association of patriotic groups located in Northeast Wisconsin: Fox Valley Initiative, Northeast Wisconsin Patriots, and Wolf River Area Patriots. Its mission is to help bring about an educated, constitutional, and conservative electorate and culture in Wisconsin.

We believe the Constitution means what it says and is not a "living document"; the Constitution can be changed only by the methods described in the Constitution, as has been done 27 times in the past; and the federal government has limited, defined responsibilities and powers. All powers not enumerated in the Constitution are reserved for the states or the people.

We fulfill our mission by hosting town halls and candidate forums, compiling scorecards on elected officials in Northeast Wisconsin, educating voters about why and how to vote, and helping to coordinate and promote the work of our member organizations.

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**Wolf River Area Patriots** declare FREEDOM IS OUR RIGHT as stated in the Constitution of the United States. We are patriots in the New London area who will hold our government officials at all levels responsible for our continued freedoms.

We believe in limited government that operates within the bounds of the Constitution, lower taxes and balanced budgets, protection and preservation of private property rights, a free market economy, and integrity and accountability in government.

We wish to provide a voice for those citizens with similar beliefs and to be a source of information on the current issues relating to our government. We are a non-partisan group of people from varied backgrounds who desire to be an effective part of the governing process while expressing our views to elected officials.

See our website for a calendar of upcoming events, video from past events, and links to voter information, allies, and research and commentary on important issues. You can make a difference by joining with other Patriots who share your concerns!

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*Adapt or perish, now as ever, is nature's inexorable imperative.*
*-H.G. Wells*

*Beware the fury of a patient man.*
*-John Dryden*

*The winds and the waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators.*
*-Edward Gibbon*

*If you can't convince them, confuse them. -Harry S. Truman*

# Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

*Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.*
*-Mark Twain*

*I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I intended to be.*
*-Douglas Adams*

*A poem begins as a lump in the throat, a sense of wrong, a homesickness, a lovesickness. -Robert Frost*

*If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance.*
*-George Bernard Shaw*

*Recognizing the need is the primary condition for design. -Charles Eames*

*To good and true love fear is forever affixed. -Francois Rabelais*

*More business is lost every year through neglect than through any other cause.*
*-Rose Kennedy*

*What happens is not as important as how you react to what happens.*
*-Ellen Glasgow*

*A coward is incapable of exhibiting love; it is the prerogative of the brave.*
*-Mahatma Gandhi*

*The sweetest noise on earth, a woman's tongue; Astring which hath no discord.*
*-Bryan Procter*

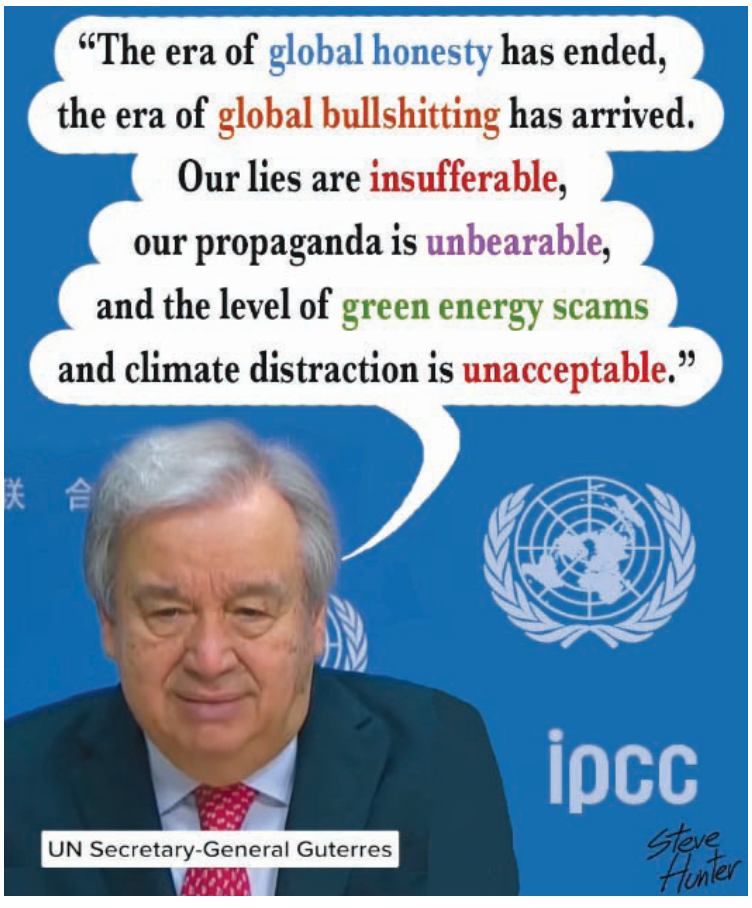
*Water, air, and cleanness are the chief articles in my pharmacy.*
*-Napoleon Bonaparte*

*The subtlety of nature is greater many times over than the subtlety of the senses and understanding.*
*-Francis Bacon*

## Wisdom to Live By

"Pandemics are Lies, Sealing is Concealing, Green Energy is Theft"

-Steven Welcenbach's modified mantra from "The Circle" (see Steve's Say p.2)

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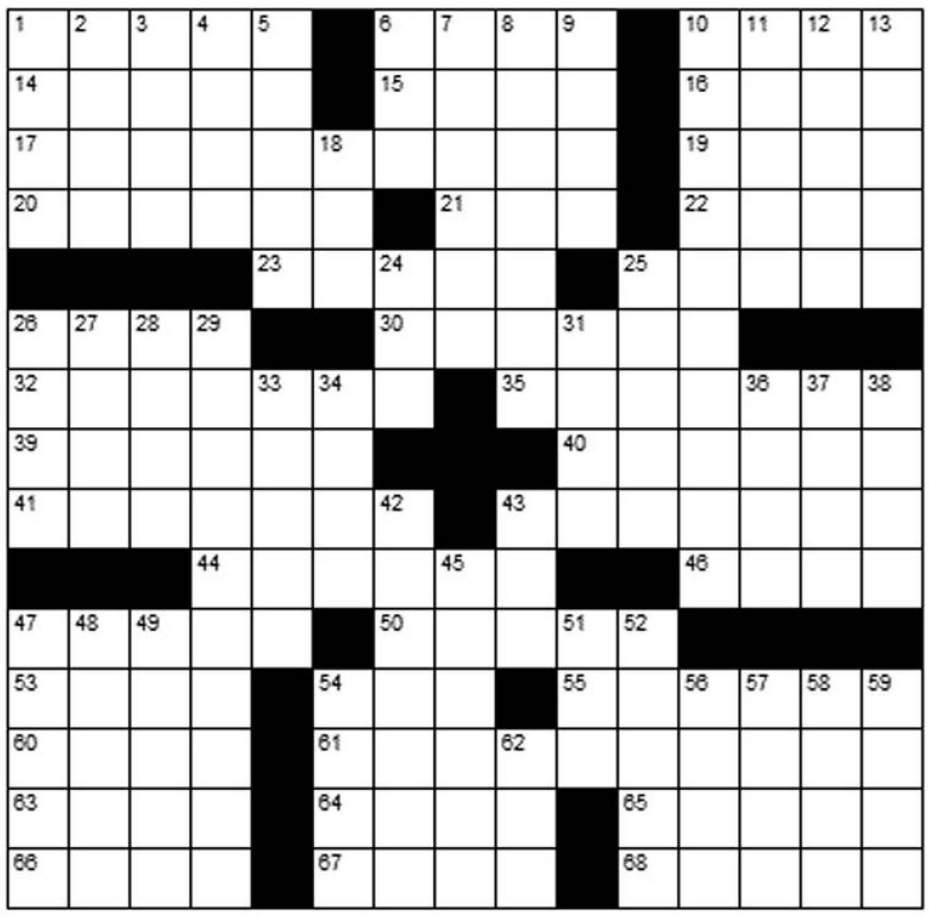
# Crossword Puzzler

**ACROSS**
1. Deep brown
6. Marries
10. Footnote note
14. French for "Red"
15. Modify
16. Not a single one
17. Ahead of the times
19. Seize
20. Coddle
21. Not bottom
22. Deliver a tirade
23. Adult male singing voice
25. Annoys
26. Use a beeper
30. Helmetflower
32. Not just walking
35. Least difficult
39. Seer
40. Record player
41. Dummy
43. Wrench (British)
44. Dawn goddess
46. Canvas dwelling
47. Smiles
50. A kind of golf club
53. Lease
54. Muzzle
55. 1 less than a dozen
60. Against
61. Belligerent
63. Farm building
64. Low-fat
65. Map within a map
66. Plod along
67. Region
68. Approaches

**DOWN**
1. Relating to urine
2. Not stereo
3. Backside
4. Prima donna problems
5. Face with masonry
6. Damp
7. Anagram of "Rioted"
8. Dissolution of a marriage
9. Stair
10. Element
11. Cleansing agent
12. Absurd
13. Liabilities
18. Consumed food
24. Holiday drink
25. Panorama
26. Academician
27. Emanation
28. Annoying insect
29. Bewitching
31. Metal fastener
33. Blockage of the intestine
34. Close
36. Sea eagle
37. Observed
38. Legal wrong
42. Widow
43. Unhappy
45. West Indies music
47. Seizes
48. Kidney-related
49. Foreword
51. G
52. Shoemaker's awl
54. Big party
56. Feudal worker
57. Brand of credit card
58. Always
59. Catches
62. Ribonucleic acid



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# Renewable Energy Projects Nearing End Raise Abandonment Concerns

*By Drew Hutchinson*

States have varying guidelines for decommissioning

Solar, wind developers want flexible standards, reviews

As wind and solar development speeds up across the country, more states are running into questions about how to responsibly decommission or repower projects at the end of their lives.

In the absence of federal guidelines, more than two-thirds of US states have requirements for decommissioning or renewing wind and solar projects at the end of their first life cycles, according to a report from law firm Lewis Roca. Regulations usually protect the private property where projects are developed, the report says.

But guidelines differ state to state, with some focusing on ensuring that decommissioning costs are covered up front and others outlining specific standards for end of life, according to the report. Many states leave the specifics to local governments.

Although industry professionals have suggestions, there are no widely agreed upon set of best practices for how to handle decommissioning, and no one state serves as a perfect example, said Tom Dougherty, partner at Lewis Roca.

"The risk is that projects reach the end of their life and then maybe don't get removed," said Dietrich Hoefner, who's also a partner at Lewis Roca.

Plenty of areas have seen legacy energy projects like coal plants and oil rigs abandoned at the end of their life cycles, causing eyesores, damage to farmland, and other issues. Setting decommissioning standards for wind and solar can help avoid that same decline of public trust, especially in the rural areas where they're often built, Dougherty said.

"The best practice should be something that gives the host community some reassurance that they're not going to be left holding the bag for something bad," said Brian Ross, vice president of renewable energy at the Great Plains Institute.

'We've Seen What Happens'

Louisiana is trying to steer solar and wind projects away from the same problems its oil industry caused.

A 2014 audit found nearly 3,000 orphaned wells in Louisiana — many the product of a 1980s oil glut — and officials are still grappling with how to plug them without breaking the bank, said Patrick Courreges, communications director for the state's Department of Natural Resources.

The state passed a law in 2022 requiring most solar developers to put up bonds and submit decommissioning plans in permit applications. The state Department of Natural Resources was also directed to set clear end of life solar standards to guide those plans.

The first round of public comments took place last fall, Courreges said. The agency is currently working on a draft rule.

"We've seen what happens" to energy assets when no financial securities, like cash or bonds paid up front by developers, exist to offset decommissioning costs, Courreges said.

The same concerns now apply to renewable energy projects, especially solar farms. Louisiana's utility scale solar generation was nearly five times greater last year than two years earlier, according to the US Energy Information Administration. The state is also attempting to add 5,000 megawatts of offshore wind power capacity by 2035.

"Immediately landowners and legislators are thinking, 'OK, what happens if John Q. Solar goes out of business? What happens to all the panels in my field'?" Courreges said.

Setting Standards

Many wind and solar projects built in the 1980s are reaching the end of their lifespan and will soon need to either be repowered or removed, Dougherty said. The majority of utility grade solar and wind farms were built later on, so in coming years "the rate at which these projects are coming offline is going to increase pretty rapidly," he said.

Federal clean energy grants from the Inflation Reduction Act and the 2021 bipartisan infrastructure law have created a new push to set decommissioning standards for renewable energy projects, according to analysis from renewable energy investor Leyline Renewable Capital.

Kansas is one of just a few states with no statewide decomissioning standards, according to Lewis Roca's report. Opponents of renewable energy sometimes try to use the nonuniform permitting process to kill projects, said Dorothy Barnett, executive director of the Climate and Energy Project, a Kansas-based nonprofit.

But overall, the local process of removing and renewing projects goes smoothly due to a few key provisions included in most of the conditional use permits, which developers need to start building, she said.

"Even with repowering, that still goes through the local siting process," Barnett said. "We haven't heard anything from the developers or anything from those counties to say we need a different system."

Starting the process of codifying uniform end of life standards could be good for the industry—as long as developers have a say in those rules, said Dennis Richter, president of Solterra Energy in North Carolina.

"We want to do the right thing," he said. "But we also want flexibility."

Solar and wind developers usually lease land for their projects, and those contracts often outline at least some decommissioning responsibilities to protect landowners. But it's harder to get financing for projects if developers have to add up-front decommissioning costs to budgets, Richter said.

One compromise is to make developers post bonds up front, but then reexamine the contract every few years in case the costs change, Ross said.

"I think most of us would be open to that, versus doing it project by project, county by county, where it's a whole new negotiation each time," Richter said.

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integrity, or anything else for that matter? First, he wants an investigation, then he doesn't. First, he appoints Janel Brandtjen to head the Campaigns and Elections committee, then he calls her unqualified. Then after Trump calls him out, he spends a million dollars hiring Justice Gableman, then he calls him a conspiracy theorist. First, he demands Meagan Wolfe's resignation, then he protects her. First, he campaigns for re-election using pictures of himself with Trump, then he says he is going to what he can to defeat Trump. He says spending is out of hand, then he passes major spending increases. Robin Vos has done enough 180's and 360's to make any freestyle skier green with envy.

Are people this stupid that they continue to support such a weasel? And all but a few state representatives follow him like blind bats…

Senator Knodl's committee holds hearing on Meagan Wolfe:

As I have been reporting, Dan Knodl's committee, the Senate Committee on Shared Revenue, Elections and Consumer Protection had no standing to confirm Meagan Wolfe's nomination as administrator to the Election Commission because the Commission didn't nominate her. And since it has been 45 days, the statute 15.61.(1)(b) requires the Committee on Legislative Organization to appoint someone until the commission does send the senate a nominee. Then and only then, will the senate have a role to play. Even Dan O'Donnell has finally got around to asking why Vos and company haven't acted yet. His article can be found at MACLVER - https://www.maciverinstitute.com/2023/08/wisconsin-law-requires-meagan-wolfes-removal/.

But I give credit where credit is due. Sen, Knodl gave everyone a chance to hear why any honest freedom loving person in the State of Wisconsin is against the re-appointment of Wolfe. The evidence is overwhelming. As Justice Gableman asked, "where Ms. Wolfe? if I were given an opportunity to come this committee and tout the wonderful job I've been doing, wild horses couldn't drag me away." And right he was. Although Meagan Wolfe was not required to be there, she certainly had an opportunity to present her case to the people of Wisconsin. But she has no case. Mark Belling is 100% correct when he points out on his afternoon show, that every decision made by Wolfe (and the commission) not only broke the law on several occasions but benefited the democrats in the election. From weakening election security to allowing partisan outsiders to interfere with normal election processes. Also, State Representative Janel Brandtjen pointed out that the election commission has simply refused to provide the legislature with requested information and has actually sued her, Robin Vos, and Justice Gableman for requesting information that the legislature has a right to ask for. Let me remind you that while Vos spent over a 100K of taxpayer dollars on his own defense, refused Brandtjen's request for legal representation.

But back to the real question at hand – Why hasn't Vos and the Committee on Legislative Organization appointed a new administrator? Why wait around for the now liberal and activist Supreme Court to unconstitutionally decide that Meagan Wolfe has a lifetime appointment? Put a new administrator in place immediately and start the process of real change at the Wisconsin Elections Commission. Have them clean house and restore confidence in Wisconsin's election process. Why wait? It will be easier to get relief from the US Supreme Court if the Wisconsin Court tries to replace the duly appointed administrator with the disgraced former administrator. Every legal scholar knows that courts are much more willing to uphold the status quo. Vos knows it too. Is he just trying to save Meagan Wolfe because he doesn't mind unsecure elections? Remember he won his primary by 260 votes in the middle of the night. Does he just not want to appoint someone? He knows the people will not sit still for an establishment RINO. Your guess is as good as mine. But it 's time to act!

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# Green energy companies want to renegotiate their contracts with blue state as costs eat into profits

*By Nick Pope*

A number of green energy companies and advocacy groups have petitioned the New York Public Service Commission (NYPSC) to renegotiate contracts with state utilities as rising costs could threaten the viability of numerous projects, according to UtilityDive.

The NYPSC, the state's utility regulator, is reviewing requests to adjust deal terms for more than 90 offshore wind, solar and onshore wind projects that would sell power to New York and are projected to supply 25% of the state's load by 2030, UtilityDive reported. Numerous companies and advocacy groups supporting the developments are seeking to increase the prices of their previously-inked deals to combat rising supply costs and interest rates, with some saying that the costs may threaten the financial viability of their projects if they are not allowed to increase their prices to generate more revenue.

Orsted, British Petroleum (BP), Equinor, the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACENY) and Clean Path New York (CPNY) all filed petitions with the NYPSC requesting permission to renegotiate their contracts on account of these unexpected costs, UtilityDive reported. The spiking costs could threaten the viability of numerous green energy projects that the state is set to depend on for electricity production in the coming years.

On average, offshore wind developers are seeking to boost their contract prices by 48%, onshore wind companies are hoping to raise their prices by an average of 71% and solar companies are hoping to increase their prices by 63%, according to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

The requests to increase prices in established offshore wind and other green energy contracts in New York could bump up residential electricity rates by 2.5% and 1.5%, respectively, or a cumulative $4.67 per month, according to NYSERDA. A coalition of New York utility providers has also suggested that the NYPSC make minor changes to contract terms on a project-by-project basis, or that the utility regulator use inflation-sensitive formulas to make adjustments to the deals.

The problems facing green energy companies in New York may spell trouble for the Biden administration's climate agenda, which is similar to that of New York. The state's goals of decarbonizing its electricity production by 2040 and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 85% relative to 1995 levels by 2050 are slightly less ambitious than the Biden administration's aim to have the U.S. energy sector reach net-zero carbon dioxide emissions by 2035 and the overall U.S. economy reach net-zero by 2050.

"New York has outlined ambitious targets for clean energy generation and transmission, and the projects that have sought these modifications to their contracts are crucial parts of those targets. If these projects are not able to move forward, yes, it would endanger the goals New York has established," Anne Reynolds, executive director of ACENY, told the Daily Caller News Foundation.

"The cost to ratepayers is an immense concern," Reynolds continued, adding

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# Biden Energy Secretary's EV clown show



*By Craig Rucker*

Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm thought a showboat electric car road trip would be great PR. Wrong!

NPR (of all outlets) covered the mess that resulted, and our Marc Morano picked it up at the Depot:

Granholm approaches a charging station to charge the Cadillac Lyriq she was riding during a four-day road trip through the southeast early this summer. The electric vehicle had charging problems due to an "isolated hardware issue," Cadillac says. But Granholm's team encountered plenty of not-so-isolated problems too. ... Not every vehicle in Granholm's caravan was electric. The Secret Service, for instance, rode in large traditional SUVs. ...

Her advance team realized there weren't going to be enough plugs to go around. One of the station's four chargers was broken, and others were occupied. So an Energy Department staffer tried parking a nonelectric vehicle by one of those working chargers to reserve a spot for the approaching secretary of energy. That did not go down well: a regular gas-powered car blocking the only free spot for a charger?

In fact, a family that was boxed out — on a sweltering day, with a baby in the vehicle — was so upset they decided to get the authorities involved: They called the police."

So let's get this straight.

Granholm's luxury EV didn't work right. There weren't enough chargers to go around, so they blocked one with a gas powered vehicle, denying a charge to a family with a baby on board who called the police on the Secretary of Energy!

It turns out that in Georgia it is perfectly legal to park an efficient gas-powered vehicle at an EV charging station, but this wasnt the PR the Biden Administration was looking for.

They sent some of their EV entourage down the road looking for slower chargers, and eventually found a place for the young family who's battery was running out.

Fortunately none of the vehicles caught fire.

These are just a few of the issues that have left consumers rejecting electric vehicles in favor of less expensive, more efficient, long-range, quick fill-up gasoline vehicles.

Business Insider reports that, "New car inventory on dealer lots is sitting at about a 54 days' supply, according to Cox Automotive. But for electric vehicles, that number is almost two times as much, with 92.2 days' supply at dealerships — up 343% from a year ago."

Leaving consumers free to choose the vehicles of their choice, however, is not a consideration for the EV zealots in the Biden Administration, nor in California.

California even went so far as to issue a rule banning sales of gas-powered vehicles starting in 2035.

Secretary Granholm's EV clown show gives us all a taste of the frustrations in store if the Left succeeds in forcing us to drive the cars they choose for us.

Assuming, of course, they allow us to have cars in the first place.

# Zero Net EV Economic, Climate Benefits and Gov't Admits It

*By Larry Bell*

Buried deeply in the bowels of a 56,342-page Federal Register Volume 88 — along with an environmental assessment accompanying the Department of Transportation's newly proposed fuel standards — are some candid admissions that electric vehicle- (EV) promoting bureaucrats and subsidy beneficiaries aren't anxious for any of us to know about.

One is that "Net [social-economic] benefits for passenger cars remain negative across alternatives."

After factoring in a 2% increase in mandated requirements each year with an estimated $5.8 billion reduction in public welfare spread across the life of total drivers' cars — including wildly speculative climate change benefits — net costs of transportation "alternatives" proposed by DOT are estimated at very nearly twice that amount ($11 billion).

Another revelation is that even by DOT's estimates, the proposed legislation would reduce average global temperatures in 2060 by 0.000%.

What a deal ... a humongously expensive and disruptive net-zero carbon climate change thwarting goal with net-zero influence!

As pointed out in the The Wall Street Journal, "The predictions are full of gimmicky assumptions designed to understate costs."

Included are omitted opportunity costs whereby to improve economy, other popular improvements drivers like including structural safety features, trunk space, acceleration, and increasingly rare spare tires to reduce weight are sacrificed.

Meanwhile, as the Journal points out, the costs of paying for any EV "benefits" are now so comically high "that regulators can no longer pretend that mandating greater fuel economy for passenger cars is good for society."

So, let's look at that so-called "economy."

Forgo any illusions that according to Kelley Blue Book, paying an average $11,000 more to buy an EV than a full-sized gas-powered car and nearly $30,000 more than the average compact will be made up in net mileage efficiency advantages, or imagine it as any sort of longer-term trade-in investment.

Forget any notion that all that "green energy" needed to recharge them grows on trees, or that costs of that electricity won't escalate as the Biden administration, or any Democrat successor, continues to put the kibosh on fossil fuel that supply more than 80% of U.S. and world energy, replacing it with seasonal and weather-dependent electricity from friendly breezes and sunbeams that produce about 3% combined.

Then try to contemplate how much more of that unreliable, intermittent electricity would be needed to grow currently less than 1% of the 250 million EVs in the U.S. including SUVs and light-duty trucks to fulfill EPA's de facto mandate for those magical "free energy" plug-ins to make up 17% of the market by 2026.

On top of that, think for a moment about the consequences of adding all those new EV electricity demands to already overloaded power grids, plus depend on China which controls 85% of the world supply of rare earth minerals required for all those solar, wind and EV batteries.

On the resale end, an average on-the-road 12-year-old used EV will be on its second or third new battery before an owner can sell it.

With a Tesla battery typically costing about $10,000, the resale price will likely have to be significantly higher than that of a comparably aged and sized internal combustion model in similar condition.

Expect those battery costs to increase in concert with global demands for nickel — a primary component of lithium-ion cathodes — having already about doubled over the past six years from $10,336 per metric ton in August 2016 to $21,091 in July.

The National Bureau of Economic Research estimates that EV drivers not only pay more, but also put about half as many miles on their cars as the average driver.

The research suggests EVs' limited range along with prolonged and limited recharging options have resulted in their use as secondary — not primary — household vehicles.

There's little wonder then why most EV purchasers are wealthy enough to afford them as second cars, retaining a petroleum fueled model for long single-day highway trips.

Imagine, for example, the time required to drive farther than 270 miles — the range of a Tesla on a single charge — necessitating at least one stopover at an assumed available interim recharging location.

In this case, estimate that while it will take only 4.5 hours to travel that first 270-mile link, plan for up to an additional hour for a battery recharge ... assuming an available supercharge station will be open where and when needed.

That average EV recharging time and range will depend upon seasonal locale temperatures.

Batteries yield about 20% less energy in cold conditions, explaining why most EV owners live in temperate and semi-tropical climates ... half in California alone.

According to AAA, cold weather can cut EV range by 12%, a loss that leaps to 41% with the heater on full blast. Running the air conditioner in hot weather takes a similar toll on trip efficiency.

Since EVs cost more to build, automakers jack up the prices of gasoline vehicles to cover production losses.

As CEO Jim Farley of Ford admitted last year, he conspicuously trimmed back Ford's commitment to EVs, saying the company was losing too much money on them.

Nevertheless, if you like the idea of owning an electric vehicle and can afford one, then go for it!

And if luxuriating on virtue signaling or shaming points with neighbors and friends brightens your day — well, that's okay too, even though they're helping you pay for it.



# Elon Musk grieves over the loss of his son to the 'trans' agenda

*By LifeSite News*

Father James Altman and Liz Yore once again join John-Henry Westen on this week's episode of Faith & Reason in which they discuss former President Donald Trump's call for noncompliance with any new COVID mandates, the latest in gender insanity, and Tucker Carlson's interview alleging former President Barack Obama was an active homosexual and a cocaine addict.

Late last month, Trump released a video on X, formerly Twitter, saying that Americans should not comply with any new COVID mandates, such as lockdowns and mask/vaccine mandates. "These are bad people," Trump said. "These are sick people we're dealing with. But to every COVID tyrant who wants to take away our freedom, hear these words: We will not comply, so don't even think about it." He also said that COVID was being brought back in an attempt to rig next year's presidential election.

"I think we're going to see more and more messages from people in the political sphere," Yore predicted, commending Trump for his comments and asserting that he did a good thing to try to "shore up the base" to "reaffirm" what "all of us … recognized happened during the COVID lockdowns." She also maintained that more doctors will come out against the jabs and the use of masks.

"This time, there's a huge group of Americans, and I think citizens around the world, who are not buying the fear tactics," she continued.

Father Altman, addressing fears that people should not trust Trump since the COVID lockdowns took place under his watch, asserted that Trump followed his advisers during COVID and faced political pressure from both parties, and that "he's the … only politician who will come straight up and just say how wrong it was, what they did, and the hoax they pulled on America."

The group also addressed the sparring between Trump and Florida governor and Republican presidential candidate Ron DeSantis over COVID policy.

Yore opined that while DeSantis is generally recognized as a good governor and handled COVID well, there is a "general consensus among Republican voters that we need a tough guy … to return our country back to sanity, to return the world back to peace and sanity, and that person is Donald Trump." She also pointed to the "lawfare" that the left is waging against Trump, and more people will see that Trump is a threat to a "world order" that is creating a "tyrannical global world."

Altman, reacting to Yore, said that DeSantis is "just too nice of a guy" and that he lacks the "leadership quality that everybody knows we now need, because everybody knows it's now time of 'enough is enough.'" "Unfortunately for DeSantis, he lacks that capacity to say, 'This is it. This is where we're going. This is how we're gonna do it, and we're gonna get it done,'" he continued.

Also, late last month, a short documentary was put out by the Independent Women's Forum about Kim Russell, formerly head lacrosse coach at Oberlin College. It covered the severe pushback she received from the college's administration and from most of the lacrosse team for defending women's sports.

Commenting on what happened to Russell, Yore says that "this is the convenient, hip, woke trans ideology that becomes really Marxist."

"It becomes hideous," she continued. "It becomes brutal, hateful." She also predicted that parents will stop enrolling their daughters at such institutions when they begin to see their daughters lose their scholarships and get physically injured by gender-confused men on women's athletic teams, and that gender ideology is "at the heart" of Marxism as it "destroys family, it destroys culture, and it destroys the … importance of men and women in their biological, God-given state."

The two also touched upon Elon Musk's comments to biographer Walter Isaacson in which he partly blames the liberal California school he sent son Xavier to for his gender confusion. He lamented not only that his son is gender-confused but that he now identifies as a communist who thinks that rich people are evil.

Yore suggested that Catholics should say a novena or litany in honor of St. Francis Xavier for Musk and his child so that both are "healed" along with their relationship, and that the "painful tragedy in Elon Musk's life will bring him to a relationship with Jesus Christ."

"I think it's important for Catholics to … listen to this message from … Elon Musk … to see what I think is underlying this gender ideology is communism, and also to pay attention to those that are coming around, being awakened to this diabolical ideology that is grappling the … entire world," she maintained.

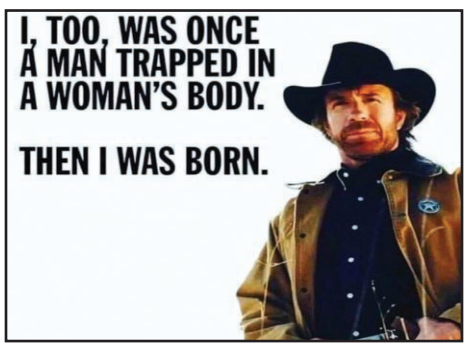
Father Altman said that what happened to Musk is a reminder that even "legends" are men with hearts in need of love, a love that expresses itself in relationships. He also suggested that Musk offer up his sufferings to Christ to let good come out of it.

On Wednesday, Tucker Carlson interviewed Larry Sinclair for his program on X. During the interview, Sinclair claimed that he had sexual relations with former President Obama more than once, also did cocaine with him, and asserted that he was not the first man Obama had sexual relations with.

Father Altman reacted to Sinclair's allegations by saying they "should not come as a surprise to anybody."

"This is who [Obama] is," he alleged. "And this is now being the chosen person to take over the principal office of the United States and wreak havoc on faith and family." He also expressed gratitude that Carlson was no longer at Fox News, as he has the "freedom to now tell us the truth, unadulterated, uncircumscribed by the powers that be that run the media in our country."

Yore agreed with Altman, asserting that the mainstream media was protecting Obama from any such allegation. She also expressed worry about current President Joe Biden's control over his own administration, saying "the other troubling thing to me is … the rumors behind the scene is obviously Joe Biden is not functioning as the president, and the rumors are that Barack Obama's pulling the strings in this administration."




# Trump vows to defund 'transgender insanity,' ban mutilation of children nationwide

*By LifeSite News*

President Donald Trump announced in a recent campaign speech that he plans to defund "transgender insanity" and prohibit the mutilation of gender-confused children.



"On day one, I will sign a new executive order to cut federal funding for any school pushing critical race theory, transgender insanity, and other inappropriate racial, sexual, or political content on our children," the 2024 presidential candidate said at a September 8 rally in Rapid City, South Dakota.

"And I will keep men out of women's sports," President Trump pledged. "I will sign a law prohibiting child sexual mutilation in all 50 states."

As president, Trump did indeed sign an executive order that prohibited federal agencies from forcing critical race theory onto employees and contractors.

However, he did not take action in his first term to stop the chemical and sexual mutilation of gender-confused children. He did sign a bipartisan bill, later struck down in the judicial system, that banned "female genital mutilation" (FGM). A common practice in several African countries and occurring also in the Middle East and Asia, numbers of FGM in the U.S. have skyrocketed, thanks to immigration.

Trump's administration generally opposed the transgender movement. However, as a candidate he "hitched his wagon to what was then the burgeoning homosexual conservative movement, a political force which gained power during his tenure," Doug Mainwaring noted for LifeSiteNews. "Regardless of whether Trump's many homosexual supporters admit it, transgenderism is linked to their movement."

Trump's opponents differ on prohibitions on the chemical and surgical mutilation of children. Governor Chris Christie said he opposes any limits on the dangerous and unscientific procedures, stating parents should be able to make any decision to inject their kids with drugs or remove healthy organs and permanently render them infertile.

Trump's vice president, Mike Pence, has indicated that he believes people 18 and over should be able to represent themselves as the opposite sex.

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to celebrate the Supreme Court's Obergefell decision instituting same-sex "marriage" across the land.

He was clearly not the man he at first appeared to be. Instead, he repeatedly rolled out the red carpet for the LGBT arm of the woke neo-Marxist movement that seeks to undo the nuclear family.

"Barack Obama is easily the most pro-homosexual president in U.S. history, becoming a 'fierce advocate' of gay rights," author Peter LaBarbera wrote in 2018. "Working directly with homosexual and transgender activist groups, he made more than 250 openly LGBTQ appointments at the federal level — including the first openly homosexual Secretary of the Army, Eric Fanning."

"The scope of Obama's pro-'gay' record is astonishing," LaBarbera noted. "So great was his devotion to advancing homosexuality and extreme gender confusion ("transgenderism") in the name of 'civil rights' that many observers pro and con say his proudest achievement may have been advancing the revolutionary LGBT agenda during his two terms in the White House."

"A more honest examination of Obama's life than the left-leaning media has been willing to provide may partly explain his deep commitment to the homosexual political and cultural agenda," LaBarbera wrote in Permanent Revolution: The Secret Life and Legacy of Barack Hussein Obama. He asked:

Did Obama have a personal stake in propelling the LGBTQ revolution forward?

What was the effect of the unique and bizarre circumstances of Obama's childhood — including being abandoned by his parents, his extensive pot use as a teenager and then cocaine use in college, having a cross-dressing nanny and being "mentored" by a perverted Communist who had "strong homosexual tendencies"?

Was Obama ever on the "down low" (secretly practicing homosexuality) or, at some level, a "bisexual"?

What is the significance of his comment to his first serious girlfriend that he "considered gayness" but chose to live a heterosexual life.

Obama — who called himself Barry Soetoro when he was young — "had so many dysfunctional and perverse influences in his life growing up that it would almost be strange for him not to develop some sort of sexual or psychological confusion," according to LaBarbera.

Those influences included:

Young Barry had a cross-dressing nanny — who went by "Turdi" by day, "Evie by night" — in Jakarta.

The marijuana supplier of Barack's dope-smoking high school "Choom Gang" was a 29-year-old homosexual pervert who showed porn films to the teenage boys.

Obama was evidently the closest among his "Choom Gang" friends to "Gay Ray"

Obama's mentor, Communist Frank Marshall Davis, was a promiscuous pornographer who described himself as having "homosexual tendencies."

LaBarbera cited former WND staff writer Jerome Corsi, who penned a series of articles building on Sinclair's allegations against Obama.

One of those articles focused on Jeremiah Wright's church, Trinity United, where he reportedly ran an "informal 'Down Low Club' that paired closeted homosexual men attending the church with women who would serve as a cover ('beard') to hide their homosexuality and earn them respectability in Chicago's Black community."

Corsi's investigation included multiple interviews with members of the church, providing a look inside Wright's 'Down Low Club':

The Down Low Club at Trinity "doesn't have meetings, and it isn't like the Rotary Club," a source identified for this article as "Carolyn" explained to a WND investigator in Chicago.

"It was more that Wright served as a matchmaker," said Carolyn, a 20-year member of Trinity who has played a role in church administration and knows the Obamas personally.

"He kept his eye on the young guys coming up in Trinity," she said, "and if he spotted someone that acted or looked gay, then Wright would give them kind of a guidance counselor-type direction on how to keep down low – how to do the things they wanted to do, but then also getting married and looking 'respectable' – being part of black society."

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# New study shared by NIH suggests N95 Covid masks create dangerous of level toxic compounds linked seizures, cancer

*By Vivek Saxena*

A recently published study has found that wearing an N95 mask is, far from being safe, a potential health risk.

Published in April and quietly shared by the National Institutes of Health, the study from researchers at Jeonbuk National University in South Korea found that disposable masks, including medical-grade N95 masks, released eight times the recommended safety limit for toxic volatile organic compounds (TVOCs).

According to the American Lung Association, breathing TVOCs "can irritate the eyes, nose and throat, can cause difficulty breathing and nausea, and can damage the central nervous system and other organs." Some TVOCs can even cause cancer.

What other types of products release TVOCs? Paint, caulks, cleaners/disinfectants, pesticides, and even tobacco smoke.

Here's the huge catch: The researchers discovered that TVOC levels were 14 times lower in cloth masks, suggesting therefore that despite not being medical-grade, cloth masks are safer to wear than N95 masks.

However, speaking with the Daily Mail, Dr. Stuart Fischer warned against reaching any major conclusions from the study, though he did endorse the notion that there are indeed drawbacks to mask-wearing.

"There seems to be diminishing returns on the need for masks," he said.

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Yet an increasing number of officials and pundits are now calling for the return of mask mandates in response to the emergence of a new COVID variant.

Even Trump-era Surgeon General Jerome Adams has jumped on the bandwagon.

"Just now: Heard the @AmericanAir gate agents talking about the Covid surge and discussing how to stay safe, because Bryson actually had a heart attack a few years ago. I offered him a new KN95 from my stash. God has a way of putting you where you're needed!" he tweeted last week.

"Also, even though the other agents chose not to wear masks, they all supported Bryson (and me) wearing ours. One of the agents mentioned her mother having stage four cancer and said she was going to get her N95 mask when she was on break. That's how we come together vs COVID-19," he added.

The tweets prompted pushback, including from conservative commentator Dan Bongino, who tweeted, "No thanks. Your track record speaks for itself."

Adams immediately clapped back.

"I don't get the tweet or the hate, Don. 'No thanks' to a black man who had an early heart attack taking measures he feels will protect himself? No thanks to two people choosing to wear a mask (maybe 'you do decide what's best for you, and leave me alone,' was all a farce?)," he responded.

All this comes amid growing fears and speculation that widespread mask mandates and lockdowns are set to soon return.

The new lockdowns/mandates theory stems from remarks made by so-called "conspiracy theorist" Alex Jones earlier this month.

On the 18th, to be exact, Jones claimed he knew a "high level manager" at the Transportation Security Agency and that said manager had told him airport mask mandates will be back in effect by mid-September.

Likewise, "full COVID protocols," including potential lockdowns, will return by December, according to Jones.

So-called "fact-checkers" have dismissed the claim as a conspiracy theory.

"A TSA spokesperson denied Jones' claims, noting that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — not TSA — is the federal agency responsible for transportation mask requirements. … The CDC similarly said the claims were untrue," FactCheck.org reported.

Yet mask mandates and lockdowns are in fact returning, albeit elsewhere.

"As doctors warn coronavirus is on the rise, some Northern California hospitals are bringing back an old COVID-19 requirement: mask mandates," CBS News notes.

"Hollywood studio Lionsgate has implemented a mask mandate on certain floors of its Santa Monica, California, offices after several employees tested positive for the virus. … In Atlanta, Morris Brown College announced a two-week mask requirement as well as a ban on large gatherings," Spectrum News adds.

Fischer hopes that, if mask mandates and lockdowns do return in one fashion or another, this time officials don't go overboard like they did last time.

"I think following the general recommendations might be helpful, but it's not clear yet if we need the sweeping edicts of three years ago. Extreme fears about the lethality of Covid may have led to decisions that were counterproductive," he said.

"Covid won't be going away for a long time, if ever. We desperately need policies that do not fracture our society while providing minimal protection," he added.

# Restoring the Scientific Method and Saving Civilization

*By Gordon J. Fulks*

Scientists are worried, as well they should be.

The latest recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physics, John Clauser warns that climate science has become pseudoscience. Meanwhile, Jim Skea, the new Chairman of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change criticizes climate hyperbole as his boss UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres promotes "Global Boiling." Additionally, high profile billionaires from Bezos and Soros to Zuckerberg and Gates throw their wealth into climate alarm. Mainstream media outlets are recruiting highly politicized young journalists to promote hysteria.

The fate of science is at stake, and consequently the fate of the civilization it supports.

The problems are not limited to climate science, where they are most obvious but affect many other areas where politics and careerism drive many to do sloppy or dishonest work. Pressure to succeed has driven scientists to stray from the strictly objective requirements of science to Faustian Bargains that promise fame and fortune to those who bend or break the rules.

When the Climategate email scandal erupted more than a decade ago, revealing how prominent scientists were gaming the publications system to promote their ideas over competitors, we caught a glimpse of what was happening. A group, calling themselves "climate scientists," were profoundly cheating.

While the scientific community was deeply concerned about the corruption, many "climate scientists" were perfectly happy to continue receiving government grants that made their lifestyles possible. And the public was largely unaware.

Then the editor-in-chief, Richard Horton, of the British medical journal, The Lancet, complained that perhaps half of the peer-reviewed papers he publishes cannot be replicated, meaning that they are wrong. Hence, any medical practice derived from those articles is suspect.

Stanley Young, a Fellow of the American Statistical Association, pointed out that the situation is worse in epidemiology where 90% of published papers cannot be replicated.

UCLA epidemiologist James Enstrom challenged a heavily flawed report on the effects of diesel smoke on human health. Yet, the California Air Resources Board used it as a basis for regulating diesel trucks.

The president of Stanford University, neuroscientist Marc Tessier-Lavigne, recently resigned after an investigation showed that scientific papers he supervised contained evidence of fabrication and other scientific malpractice. One of those was touted as a breakthrough in Alzheimer's research.

University of Delaware marine ecologist, Danielle Dixson, was caught fabricating data about the behavior of fish inhabiting coral reefs to show that they were suffering ill effects from carbon dioxide. They were not. The journal Science retracted her paper.

As the respected British journalist Matt Ridley reports, "Outright fraud is but the tip of the iceberg. Exaggerating results is a far commoner reason why scientific publications cannot be treated as holy writ."

Much tighter standards and better training are obviously necessary to combat this epidemic of bad science.

Yet many educators who teach young people the basics of science are moving in the opposite direction, dropping any requirement for teaching the Scientific Method. In almost every state, children no longer learn what separates science from all other human endeavors, namely rigorous objectivity and what the great physicist Richard Feynman called "utter honesty."

The blending of science into politics and religion should alarm everyone because it is a throwback to the Dark Ages.

Science surely involves the uncertainty of guessing what might explain something. But it so much more than a good story. It has to be a true story. The Scientific Method involves painstaking and honest investigation of an hypothesis by gathering data to evaluate it. The agreement of one's peers is helpful but proves nothing. As Albert Einstein said, "One man can prove me wrong."

The use of elaborate computer models or complex mathematics is not proof unless the models can be verified against real world data. And scientific results are always subject to reevaluation as better evidence becomes available. Those claiming that "the science is settled" are politicians and journalists, not scientists.

Students need to learn and appreciate the Scientific Method as the very foundation of science. Exaggeration, fabrication, and fraud are not science and will not sustain civilization.

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# Failure of payment system exposes vulnerability of cashless society

*By LifeSite News*

The days appear mostly to be over when people routinely used a check to pay for their mortgage, utilities and various products and services like groceries, shoes and car servicing.

Likewise it appears to be rare that a group of friends all pitch in $20 after dining together at a restaurant.

So many of those transactions now are electronic.

But those systems are not infallible, and when they're down, there are problems.

A new report in the Federalist pointed out the problem for small businesses this week when the popular payment system, Square, failed.

Millions of business had to halt doing business with their customers, unless those customers were carrying cash.

"An estimated 64 million small businesses use Square to facilitate credit card transactions, pull sales reports, review profit percentages, and manage inventory. A disruption that began midday on Thursday, however, left those customers without the ability to run their businesses effectively unless clients paid cash."

The company, hours later at the close of the business day, did in fact, admit that it was "experiencing issues with multiple Square services."

It explained, "We understand how important it is for your business that our services be up and running, and we are actively working toward a fix."

No explanation for the system failure was offered.

The Federalist report noted that other computer systems offering payment options, Apple Pay, Paypal, Visa, Zelle, Cash App and Venmo, also reported various issues with their operations at the same time.

A report at PJMedia explained users in the U.S., U.K., Canada, Japan, Australia, France and Spain here hit by the outages.

"Without the ability to process credit cards, many businesses have reported turning away customers who don't have cash—or taking an enormous risk and writing down credit card information to process later, not knowing if the card will go through. Despite Square's customers losing thousands of dollars per hour, their customer service line was shut down and goes directly to a voice message that says the service line is unavailable," the report said.

Online, Ken Obloy noted, "So Square goes down completely leaving every business using their service effectively shut off from payments and they close the support during this? How many of my fellow small businesses are shopping for new merchant services today?"

The report warned, "It should be noted that this situation is why a cashless society that relies on digital currency is doomed to be a massive failure. Cash is king. Don't let them convince you otherwise unless you want to be trapped with no way to pay for what you need, no way to access your funds, and no one answering the 'customer service' line."

Mid-day Friday came word that Square was "starting" to restore its operations.

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interests ahead of American interests is not just a dishonor of the office, but treasonous. It is a major scandal unprecedented in the annals of our history and the House Oversight and Accountability Committee will investigate and expose as much of the ugly truth as possible." – Congressman Paul Gosar

This prompted the Washington Post to finally acknowledge the emails existed, the first and only major news outlet besides Fox and the New York Post to do so. In the WaPo's article, Kessler reported that the "explosive" emails were "verified by two security experts," hyperlinking to a March 2022 article in the Post as proof of this. This 2022 article reported that the experts verified "some" emails "from Hunter Biden's work" with the "Ukrainian energy company" but that the:

That statement is an abject falsehood, as evidenced by the actual content of the emails. These facts show that the Post was aware of the smoking gun emails and knew they were authentic for at least 16 months. Yet, the Post described them as "routine" and failed to report what they contained, effectively burying them.

Nevertheless, Kessler begins his piece by painting Republicans as disingenuous. He does this by writing that "Republican lawmakers expressed outrage" over the "email chain" even though "Tucker Carlson, then a Fox News host, devoted an entire show to this email in October 2020." Kessler claims this proves "the Hunter Biden saga apparently can be endlessly recycled for maximum impact."

To the contrary, Google shows that the media ignored the email chain unearthed by Carlson and Just Facts so broadly that no members of Congress publicly commented on them before the recent Fox News article—more than two years after the existence of the laptop was revealed by the New York Post.

Kessler is also wrong that Carlson devoted an "entire show" to the email. In reality, Carlson spent a portion of one segment on it, or about a seven minutes.

More importantly, Kessler fails to note that Carlson only reported on the first email in the chain, which reveals that the gas company executive wanted Hunter and his partners to stop the criminal cases against the oligarch. The rest of the emails uncovered by Just Facts prove that Hunter and his partners:

• agreed to do what the executive wanted.

• concealed the names of top U.S. officials who would protect the oligarch to "be on the safe and cautious side."

• wrote that only Hunter could credibly promise to convince the officials to protect the oligarch.

Remarkably, Kessler claims that Joe Biden demanded the firing of the prosecutor not because he was prosecuting the oligarch who was enriching Hunter but because he wasn't pursuing the oligarch "aggressively" enough. Kessler says this is "the bottom line" while ignoring these facts that contradict his story:

Other emails from Hunter's laptop prove that the prosecutor was aggressively pursuing the oligarch while Hunter was secretly trying to stop him:

In May 2014—months before the smoking gun emails above were sent—the very same executive wrote to Hunter, "We urgently need your advice on how you could use your influence to convey a message / signal, etc. to stop what we consider to be politically motivated actions" against the oligarch by a party "represented in the government by the General Prosecutor" and another person.

One day later, an attorney at the law firm where Hunter worked instructed the executive to email her "directly with all communications related to the current politically motivated attacks" and "include in the 'Subject' line of the email 'Attorney-Client Communication: Privileged & Confidential" as I have done above. This will help protect as confidential our communications about such important and sensitive issues."

Months before any information about Hunter's laptop became public, an informant reported to the FBI that he personally spoke with the oligarch several times in 2016–2019, and the oligarch stated that:

• he had no "worry" about Prosecutor Shokin's investigation because Hunter Biden "will take care of all of those issues through his dad."

• he saved "recordings" and "documents" that prove he was "coerced into paying the Bidens to ensure the Ukraine Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin was fired."

• "it costs 5 (million) to pay one Biden, and 5 (million) to another Biden."

• "he did not send any funds directly to the 'Big Guy'," and therefore, it will take investigators "10 years to find" the "illicit payments to Joe Biden."

How Washington Works

"Biden was carrying out a policy developed at the State Department," declares Kessler, and "it's important to remember that Biden, even though he was the Obama administration's point person on Ukraine, did not have a free hand to implement policy as he wished. That's not how it works in Washington."

Kessler's narrative about how Washington works is directly refuted by a 2015 State Department memo prepared for "Vice President Biden's Meeting with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko" on December 7–8. The memo—written two weeks before Biden's visit to Ukraine—bluntly tells him, "You will sign our third billion-dollar loan guarantee and publicly announce FY 15 U.S. assistance for the first time: $189,035,756."

Yet, in his own words, Biden told Ukraine's president and prime minister at that meeting, "If the prosecutor is not fired, you're not getting the money." This was not an idle threat. In opposition to what the State Department told Biden to do in this meeting, he withheld the loan guarantee until six months later in June 2016—or three months after the president of Ukraine forced the chief prosecutor to resign.

In the same May 2014 exchange in which the gas company executive asked Hunter for help with stopping the prosecutor, the attorney who told the executive to keep their communications confidential also wrote to the executive, "I recommend that you authorize me to take the following actions to begin communicating" on your company's "behalf with the U.S. government." Among the actions she offered to take were these:

Reach out to "Carlos Pascual, the top US energy diplomat," who:

• is "Special Envoy and Coordinator for International Energy Affairs at State."

• "was formerly US Ambassador to Ukraine ('00–03)."

• is held "in high regard" by Hillary Clinton (the prior Secretary of State), former President Bill Clinton, and John Kerry," the Secretary of State at the time the email was sent.

Engage "a key U.S. registered lobbyist" named "David Leiter," who:

• was "Secretary of State Kerry's Chief of Staff when Kerry was in the U.S. Senate."

• was "a political appointee at the U.S. Department of Energy during the Clinton Administration."

• "is close to Secretary Kerry and his staff."

• "is also very close to people in other US government agencies (Commerce, Treasury, etc.) as well as Congress."

This written record reveals how Washington really works. Politicians, bureaucrats, and lobbyists manipulate U.S. policy for the benefit of themselves, their families, their clients, and their political allies. And they get away with it because major media outlets like the Washington Post don't report the actual facts to the public.

Just Facts has identified 11 other misleading statements in Kessler's piece, but there's no need to beat a dead horse. More than enough facts have proven that Kessler and the Post are untrustworthy brokers of information on this matter. The same applies to other so-called fact checkers, government officials, journalists, editors, and tech executives who have systematically misled the public about this staggering scandal.

## Washington Post *cont. from page 8*

long love affair with homeownership is not only holding back the economy, but also "hobbling the Federal Reserve (as if their problem isn't self-inflicted) and exacerbating a national housing crisis." Nope, sorry. The housing crisis is greatly driven by the big non-governmental organizations (NOGs) gobbling up houses to turn into rentals, for now (a story for another time). And, as in Hawaii, taking people's property via the insurance companies (other NGOs) denying coverage for the fire damages.

Further down it says there is "a deeply inefficient distribution of where people live". As if people should not choose where they want to live, but maybe, be directed into 15-Minute Smart Cities? Oh, and also another reason to not own a home – "mortgages have become the primary means of American middle-class wealth creation". What's wrong with that? According to Salmon, "The principal amount outstanding on a mortgage slowly declines over time, even as the value of the home (generally) goes up. The result, if everything goes according to plan, is ever-greater home equity, and therefore wealth."

Uh, isn't this still America, where freedom, property rights, and free-market capitalism are guiding principles?

So what does Salmon see as wrong with us owning homes? First, "the 36% of households in the middle quintile who don't own their home at all, and for whom home equity is therefore 0% of their net worth." Good grief, some people don't want to own a home and have the responsibility of keeping it up. Yes, there are those (not in the middle quintile {unless they live in the very expensive cities}) who can't afford to buy a home.

His two bottom lines:

"The result is endemic Nimbyism – knee-jerk local opposition to any attempt to build more desperately needed housing pretty much anywhere."

"All humans need shelter. But homeownership has created a class of winners (think of everyone smugly sitting on a mortgage fixed at #% regardless of what the Fed does) – who also have a financial incentive to deny new shelters to others."

I suggest that it isn't the homeowners who are denying new shelter to others; it is the NGOs such as BlackRock, Vanguard, and the rest who believe Klaus Schwab's "You will own nothing and be happy" – is only for those 1% of the 1%ers.

Oh, in re the chicken in every pot, come on – the non 1%ers are supposed to be eating bugs, not meat. And, as for the two cars in every garage, few in the middle quintile can afford one electric car (EV) let alone two. And they sure as heck can't afford a charging station in their garage.

Let's face it. The American dream is becoming a myth, but not because the middle class owns their own homes. It is because they are being taxed, regulated, and generally being driven out of their private property. It is past time to put a stop to this. The "shelter" those in power would like to see us in belongs on the gulag archipelago.

***Start taking back your cities and counties.***

# Oil prices surge after Saudi Arabia, Russia announce extended production cuts through end of 2023

*By LifeSite News*

Oil prices shot passed $90/bbl Wednesday after Saudi Arabia and then Russia announced a continuance of production cuts through the end of this year.

The BRICS alliance is going to deliver some pain to the Western alliance. Those people living in the yellow zone, with leadership chasing climate change and Green New Deal policies, are going to see more durable inflation as the cost of oil is attached to just about every product and service.

Gasoline, energy products, petroleum products, home heating oil, groceries, everything will cost more as the geopolitical battle continues; but we are supposed to pretend we are unaware of the global political dynamic.

From Zero Hedge:

Just after 9am ET, Saudi Arabia said it would extend the voluntary cut of 1 million b/d of for another 3 months, from October until the end of December, well beyond the expectation of just 1 more month. Saudi press agency SPA notes that the voluntary cut decision will be reviewed monthly to consider deepening the cut or increasing production.

The extension of cuts is meant to reinforce the precautionary efforts made by OPEC countries with the aim of supporting the stability of the oil market. The Saudi announcement came a shock to market as 20 of 25 traders and analysts surveyed by Bloomberg last week had predicted the additional cutback would be continued for just one additional month.

And then, literally seconds after the Saudi decision, Russian deputy PM Novak said Russia would also extend its reduction of oil exports until the end of the year, reducing its oil output by 300kb/d in voluntary cuts until December 2023.

Similar to the Saudis, Russia said that the decision to reduce oil production to be reviewed monthly to consider possibility of deepening reduction or increasing production depending on situation on the world market.

'The U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve is empty, my friend…'

From Yahoo:

Higher oil prices are bad news for the world's central banks, which have been trying to tame high inflation since last year. Energy is a key input for economic activities, so higher oil prices generally lead to inflation.

But Saudi Arabia and Russia's keeping their oil supply cuts for longer means 'they have no interest in what central banks are worried about,' Naeem Aslam, the chief investment officer of Zaye Capital Markets, wrote in a Tuesday note seen by Insider.

## Green Energy *cont. from page 14*

that "the need to combat the ongoing climate crisis necessitated the aggressive timeline that New York has established, but the burden of paying for this should not fall entirely on the ratepayers" and that ACENY is "working with [its] legislative partners and like-minded organizations to prevent this from happening."

Green energy companies have requested that utility regulators across the U.S. relieve them of some inflationary burdens on their projects, including developers in California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico and Rhode Island, according to NYSERDA.

"Our decision to petition for renegotiation is driven by unrelenting economic challenges and we do not take this step lightly. "Equinor and BP's offshore wind projects are on track to power 2 million New York homes with renewable offshore wind power," a BP spokesperson told the DCNF. "We remain strongly committed to our projects and our partners in New York and are optimistic that together we can find a path forward in the weeks and months ahead."

Orsted, CPNY, Democratic New York Gov. Kathy Hochul's office, NYPSC and the White House all did not respond immediately to the DCNF's request for comment.

## Next Civil War

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to Hunter's Rosemont firm, then mysteriously be exempted from the Biden administration's oligarch sanction list following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

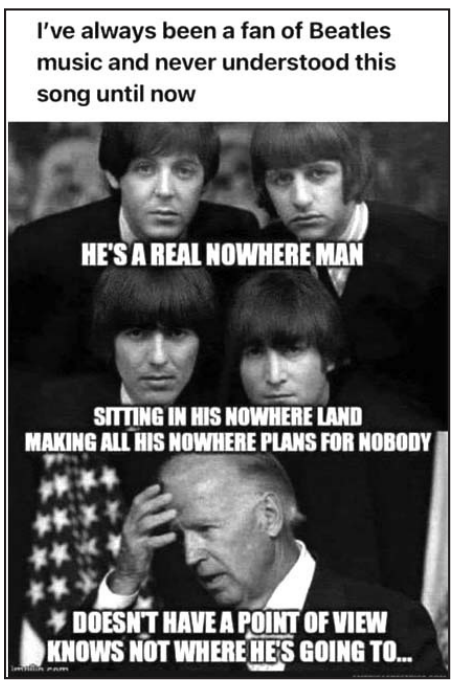
After all, wasn't Donald Trump alleged to be the one guilty of "Russia collusion," and didn't the FBI sit on information regarding demons in Hunter's laptop from hell throughout the 2020 election season, representing it to big media execs as Russia disinformation?

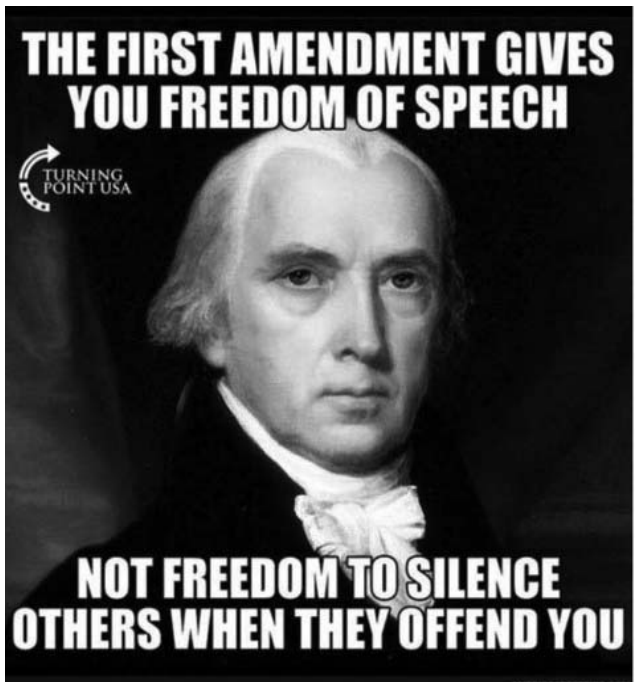
Recall that 51 high-level intel officials joined that factually discordant choir.

It's safe to bet that as the House reconvenes this week, a top agenda item will be to initiate an impeachment inquiry providing greater subpoena leverage to gain answers to these and other questions regarding very dubious Biden family foreign affairs suspiciously leading directly to Joe.

And yes, a majority of the public wants those insights, with a nationwide June Trafalgar-Convention of States Action poll showing that fewer than one-third (31.4%) of voters believe Joe Biden to be innocent of allegations connected to a foreign policy bribery scheme.

Now that we have been introduced to many of those truly evil, vile demons lurking in Hunter's laptop, with more being exposed almost daily, we must vanquish them in courts, in Congress, and most important of all, in 2024 ballot boxes before they destroy public unity and confidence in fair and responsible government forever.













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# Dr. Pierre Kory: New York Times guide to fall vaccine shots is 'disinformation'

*By LifeSite News*

The New York Times on September 1 published a "guide to fall vaccine shots," which included recommending the general public get COVID-19, flu and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) vaccines, and infants 6 months and older receive COVID-19 shots this fall.

Written by Times senior writer David Leonhardt, the guide warns about rising COVID-19 cases and the approaching flu season, before offering, "The good news is that there are vaccines and treatments that reduce risks from all major viruses likely to circulate this season."

According to the Times, "This year, we should take a broader approach," rather than "obsess over COVID."

Peter Hotez, M.D., Ph.D., dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine at the Baylor College of Medicine – described by the Times as a "vaccine expert" – echoed that appeal. "It's not only COVID you have to think about," he said.

Hotez, Nirav Shah, M.D., J.D., principal deputy director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other public health officials and experts quoted by the Times recommended Americans prepare for the upcoming fall and winter by getting the trio of COVID-19, flu and RSV vaccines.

None of these experts, however, addressed any of the potential safety risks posed by these vaccines.

Medical and public health experts who spoke with The Defender took a different view and questioned the Times' guide, citing concerns about the safety and efficacy of vaccines for respiratory illnesses.

"Vaccines against respiratory illnesses have failed miserably," said cardiologist Peter McCullough M.D., MPH. "America is wary of vaccines at this point, wanting to get on with life free of menacing vaccines, and are willing to seek early treatment, which is always the best way to handle infections, vaccinated or not."

Pediatrician Dr. Liz Mumper, president and CEO of the Rimland Center for Integrative Medicine, told The Defender, "There have been no studies examining the effects of giving RSV vaccine, flu vaccine and COVID vaccine at the same time."

"If you follow the advice in the New York Times article," Mumper said, "be aware that your child will be part of post-marketing experimentation."

Times still pushing vaccine propaganda

According to the Times, "The best defenses against COVID haven't changed: vaccines and post-infection treatments," which are "especially important for vulnerable people, like the elderly and immunocompromised."

The federal government is "on track" to approve updated COVID-19 shots, designed to combat recent variants, in mid-September, the Times reported. Once they are available, "all adults should consider getting a booster shot."

"COVID can still be nasty even if it doesn't put you in the hospital," the Times states. "A booster shot will reduce its potency."

Hotez resurrected a claim heard often during 2021 and 2022, telling the Times, "Overwhelmingly, those who are being hospitalized are unvaccinated or undervaccinated."

Experts who spoke with The Defender disagreed.

Harvey Risch, M.D., Ph.D., professor emeritus and senior research scientist in epidemiology (chronic diseases) at the Yale School of Public Health, citing data from U.K. Public Health, said, "All-cause deaths ages 18+ are disproportionately among vaccinated people, whether one, two or three doses, compared to unvaccinated people."

"The statistic quoted by Dr. Hotez is false," Risch said.

Brian Hooker, Ph.D., senior director of science and research for Children's Health Defense (CHD) said, "The new booster simply hasn't been tested to affirm any assertion of protection. The original trials on children were laughable as they looked at antibody titers rather than actual disease prevention."

McCullough told The Defender, "The COVID-19 vaccines have been a safety debacle with record cases of myocarditis, blood clots, stroke, and all-cause mortality."

Despite the injury and mortality reports and the Times' admission that the risk of COVID-19 to young children is "very low," Shah nonetheless recommended children as young as 6 months of age get the COVID-19 booster shots this fall.

"Do you want to see your grandpa… [and] grandma?" Shah asked in the Times. "Are you really sure you're not going to give COVID to them?"

Experts who spoke with The Defender refuted Shah's advice.

Dr. Pierre Kory, president and chief medical officer of the Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance (FLCCC), said "There is no medical justification for a healthy 6-month-old or older child to be vaccinated for COVID-19," adding:

"There is so little data available on the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine in children that to give blanket recommendations like Shah is doing creates an unnecessary risk to children's health.

"We simply do not know enough about the COVID-19 vaccines to make such broad recommendations. Additionally, COVID-19 is highly treatable in children and poses very little risk to a healthy child."

Mumper told The Defender, "Any official who advocates that children take a vaccine to

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## Fauci Lied *cont. from page 1*

Fauci used propaganda, lies and manipulation to coerce parents into getting their children vaccinated.

But the weight of the lives lost has quickly come crashing down on him and the nation, as a secret Centers for Disease Control (CDC) report has revealed that nearly half a million children and young adults died within a year of his fateful announcement with over 118,000 of those deaths suspected to be due to the Covid-19 vaccine's dangerous side effects.

The CDC report should spark widespread outrage and be on the front page of every single major newspaper. But instead, it has been and will continue to be met with a deafening silence. Despite the staggering death toll the report will be buried and swept under the carpet.

The mainstream media, consumed with working overtime to distract the public with propaganda on the war in Ukraine, alleged climate change and the cost of living crisis, has paid and will pay no attention to the devastating consequences of Dr. Anthony Fauci's deception.

The public will continue to be kept in the dark, and the U.S. Government will move quickly to cover up its own involvement in the tragedy. With Dr Fauci quietly announcing his "retirement" in August 2022.

It's all business as usual and simply just another day at the office. But it is also a shocking failure of transparency and accountability, and the people of the United States should be forever haunted by the lives lost due to the Covid-19 vaccine scandal.

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Compared to other countries, the U.S. Government has been terrible at publishing relevant and up-to-date data allowing us to analyse the consequences of rolling out the Covid-19 injections. However, we have finally managed to stumble upon it thanks to an institution known as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OEC).

The OEC is an intergovernmental organisation with 38 member countries founded in 1961 to stimulate economic progress and world trade. And for some reason, they host a wealth of data on excess deaths. You can find that data for yourself here.

The following chart has been created using the figures found in the OEC database. Figures that have been provided to the OEC by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC). And it shows excess deaths among children and young adults aged 0-44 across the USA by week in 2020 and 2021.

The official figures reveal that there was a slight increase in excess deaths among children and young adults when the alleged Covid-19 pandemic hit the US in early 2020.

However, with the introduction of a Covid-19 injection, one would have expected deaths to have fallen significantly among the age group in 2021. But instead, the opposite happened.

Excess deaths among children and young adults were significantly higher every single week in 2021 than they were in 2020 except for weeks 29 and 30. But then in week 31, something drastic happened to cause excess deaths to rise significantly among children and young adults.

And official figures provided by the CDC, unfortunately, show that trend has continued in 2022.

The most recent data released by the CDC covers up to week 40, the week ending October 9th, and it should be noted that the last few weeks of data are subject to change. But as you can see from the above, 2022 has also been a significant year for excess deaths among children and young adults.

Just for comparison, here's how the figures for 2022 so far compare to the figures up to week 40 in 2020 and 2021.

The CDC has confirmed that there have been 7,680 more excess deaths among children and young adults in 2022 so far than there were during the same time frame in 2020 at the height of the alleged Covid-19 pandemic.

The year 2021, was by and far the worst, however, with 27,227 more excess deaths by week 40 following the roll-out of the Covid-19 injection than what occurred in 2020 at the height of the alleged Covid-19 pandemic.

The following chart shows the official CDC figures for all deaths and excess deaths among children and young adults across the USA prior to the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine, and after the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccines on the 14th Dec. 2020.

The above figures reveal that the year 2022 so far has only seen 1,352 fewer excess deaths among 0-44-year-olds by week 40 than what occurred by week 51 in 2022, despite the year 2020 being the alleged height of the COVID pandemic and also including an extra 11 weeks worth of deaths.

But the most concerning figures revealed in the above chart are the overall number of deaths and excess deaths among children and young adults since the roll-out of the Covid-19 injections.

Nearly half a million people aged 0 to 44 have sadly died since week 51 of 2020, and this has resulted in an astounding 117,719 excess deaths against the 2015-2019 five-year average.

The average life expectancy in the USA as of 2020 was 77.28 years. If we are to believe the official narrative that Covid-19 is a deadly disease then we could perhaps agree that 231,987 children and young adults up to the age of 44 dying in 2020 resulting in 40,365 excess deaths was an unfortunate consequence of this disease.

But if we are to believe the official narrative that Covid-19 injections are safe and effective, then how can one explain the further increase in death among children and young adults in both 2021 and 2022?

Because we know millions of Americans were coerced into getting the injections, and we know millions of parents were coerced into forcing their children to also get the same injections.

The answer lies in the fact that the official narrative is an outright lie. The Covid-19 vaccines are neither.

The data provided by the CDC, which has been incredibly hard to find, only gives us clues as to this being the case with so many deaths among young Americans. But further data published by the UK Government confirms it.

One of the pieces of evidence confirming this is a report published on the 6th of July 2022, by the UK's Office for National Statistics, which is a UK Government agency.

The report is titled 'Deaths by Vaccination Status, England, 1 January 2021 to 31 May 2022', and it can be accessed on the ONS site here, and downloaded here.

Table 2 of the report contains the monthly age-standardised mortality rates by vaccination status by age group for deaths per 100,000 person-years in England up to May 2022.

We've taken the figures provided by the ONS for January to May 2022 and produced the following chart which reveals the horrific consequences of the mass Covid-19 vaccination campaign.

The chart shows the monthly age-standardised mortality rates by vaccination status among 18 to 39-year-olds for Non-Covid-19 deaths in England between January and May 2022 –

In every single month since the beginning of 2022, partly vaccinated and double vaccinated 18-39-year-olds have been more likely to die than unvaccinated 18 to 39-year-olds. Triple vaccinated 18 to 39-year-olds however have had a mortality rate that has worsened by the month following the mass Booster campaign that occurred in the UK in December 2021.

In January, triple vaccinated 18 to 39-year-olds were ever so slightly less likely to die than unvaccinated 18 to 39-year-olds, with a mortality rate of 29.8 per 100,000 among the unvaccinated and 28.1 per 100,000 among the triple vaccinated.

But this all changed from February onwards. In February, triple vaccinated 18 to 39-year-olds were 27% more likely to die than unvaccinated 18 to 39-year-olds, with a mortality rate of 26.7 per 100k among the triple vaccinated and 21 per 100k among the unvaccinated.

Things. unfortunately, got even worse for the triple vaccinated by May 2022 though. The data shows that triple vaccinated 18 to 39-year-olds were 52% more likely to die than unvaccinated 18 to 39-year-olds in May, with a mortality rate of 21.4 per 100k among the triple vaccinated and 14.1 among the unvaccinated.

The worst figures so far though are among the partly vaccinated, with May seeing partly vaccinated 18 to

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# Patriot News

## Patriot Events and Activities

**Please email alchem1@earthlink.net with your future events that are coming up.**

## Lawfare Against Trump Destroying Our Unifying Ideals

*By Larry Bell*

Americans continue to hold foundational bedrock values common to modern civilization.

For example, we abhor racism and embrace multiculturism; provide compassionate support for those who are helplessly needy; deeply care about our children and their futures; and believe it is important to preserve and protect socioeconomic and natural environments that succeeding generations will inherit from ours.

As a nation constitutionally governed by its people rather than the reverse, America is traditionally also quite unique from many other countries globally.

We celebrate mutually cross-checking balances of powers between executive, legislative and judicial branches of government; a vigilant and honest independent media to inform the public regarding important domestic and foreign issue developments and policy implications; laws and overseers that apply equally to all citizens and institutions; and fair and open electoral processes influenced by all of the above.

Nevertheless, whereas most of us would likely agree about these principles, this writer's long lifetime experience has never witnessed deeper, more visceral partisan divisions of disparate viewpoints regarding our nation's current trend in honoring them.

America has become a dangerously disunited nation with predominate opposing views precariously teetering between conservative laissez-faire policies that seek to minimize government interference plus incentivize equality of opportunity . . . rather than neo-Marxist guaranteed equity of outcomes founded on divide and conquer victimization messaging.

This ideological division is particularly pivotal at the national level where multiple polls show presumed 2024 opponents Donald Trump and Joe Biden are presently in a dead heat.

Contests between the two front runners are variously more determinate based upon partisan supermajority electoral margins in state and national congressional races, although small shifts in narrow battleground swing states can have large and often contested consequences.

Meanwhile, recent years have revealed a stunningly hyper partisan and hypocritical weaponized two-tiered justice system at federal, state, and municipal levels which applied to Donald Trump, send a terrifying message to all who are inclined to take fair and equal justice for granted.

Prior to, during, and following his presidency, Trump has endured two sham impeachments ending in acquittals.

The first was over a telephone call with incoming Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, asking him to check on reports of Biden family involvement with a corrupt energy company, Burisma, wherein we have since learned that the owner of that company paid Joe and Hunter Biden $5 million each for unknown services.

A second which began just a week before the end of his term in office involved politically stacked banana republic style kangaroo court Senate hearings which allowed no cross examination of witnesses regarding chaotic Jan. 2020 Capital riots falsely branded as an "insurrection."

Since leaving office, the nation's 45th president — who received 63 million votes in 2016 and even more, 74 million in his 2020 loss, has been indicted four more times, twice by federal grand juries and once each in the bright blue jurisdictions of Manhattan and Fulton County Georgia.

All these legal assaults are transparently aimed at disqualifying him from running again —or failing that, doing maximum damage to his 2024 candidacy, bleeding his campaign coffers dry, and drawing attention away from far more serious Biden family corruption accusations leading directly back to Joe.

A complicit Department of Justice, FBI and legacy media has proven fully onboard with promoting these outcomes.

For example, whereas the first federal indictment charges center on the ugly spectacle of an early morning Aug. 2019 FBI raid on Trump's private Palm Beach, Florida Mar-a-Lago residence for classified documents he as former president was fully authorized to declassify, those discovered at multiple Biden properties including his unsecure garage with no such legal presidential privilege are somehow considered no big deal.

Likewise, a second federal indictment charging Trump with attempting to overturn the 2020 election by challenging its results, apparently ignores Al Gore's demand for a Florida recount of "hanging chads" in 2000.

Trump's Manhattan indictment for paying Stormy Daniels to bury reports of an alleged sexual encounter got lots of juicy press coverage — not so much for records showing that Joe's son Hunter attempted to deduct membership in an L.A. sex club as a "business expense."

Meanwhile, the IRS allowed prosecutorial statute of limitations to expire on two of Hunter's IRS felony tax charges; the FBI interfered with investigations of his families' foreign influence peddling evidenced by eye witness reports, electronic communications and bank records; and we have learned that the DOJ offered him a sweetheart deal that would have waved off further felony charges in exchange for copping a couple of misdemeanor admissions.

Then there's those Trump Georgia indictment RICO charges applied to crime mobs alleging attempts to interfere with 2020 vote counts.

This ironically is the same state where Stacey Abrams challenged her "stolen election" for governor based upon "discriminatory" requirements that voters verify their true identities.

Regarding election interference, some might apply such charges to coverups and omissions of important voter information by government agencies and the media.

Like, for example when the FBI sat on demons lurking in Hunter's "laptop from Hell" for nearly a year throughout the 2020 election, and even advised media companies to dismiss any upcoming rumors of Biden family scandals as Russian disinformation.0

So yes, there is convincing evidence that unifying American commitments to equal justice, an independent media, and open and fair elections are very much in peril.

Voters will decide in 2024 whether they survive.




## Dr. Pierre *cont. from page 20*

protect grandparents has not read the medical literature carefully." She said, "After doing a deep dive on the risks and benefits of COVID vaccines in children, I remain steadfastly opposed to their use in healthy children," adding:

"Any immunity from COVID shots is short-lived and follows a period of immune suppression. Very worrisome adverse events like inflammation of the heart, triggering autoimmunity, interfering with autonomic functions and reproductive toxicity are well described in the medical literature."

Not all countries following suit

Some countries began limiting COVID-19 vaccination for children last year. In April 2022, Denmark ended its blanket COVID-19 vaccination recommendation, including for children.

Now, Denmark recommends "booster-vaccination" only for people "aged 50 years and above and selected target groups."

Earlier in 2022, public health authorities in Sweden and Norway opted not to recommend COVID-19 vaccines for children between the ages of 5 and 11.

Sweden now recommends COVID-19 vaccination only for those 50 and above (18 and above for high-risk groups), while Norway is still only recommending COVID-19 vaccines for those 65 and older (and as young as 5 for high-risk groups).

In March of this year, the World Health Organization (WHO) said healthy children and adolescents ages 6 months to 17 years have a "low disease burden" and are therefore low priority for vaccination.

In June, Australian public health officials said Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine is "no longer available" for children under 12, and in January, U.K. public health authorities ended their booster program for those under 50.

COVID vaccine recommendations 'not science, not medicine, not public health'

Dr. Meryl Nass, an internist and member of CHD's scientific advisory committee, told The Defender that while public health authorities and the media continue to recommend COVID-19 vaccines, none of them have been fully licensed in the U.S., as all such vaccines are available under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) only.

In May 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said that COVID-19 vaccines for kids under 6 would not have to meet the agency's 50 percent efficacy threshold required to obtain an EUA.

CDC data released in September 2022 showed that more than 55 percent of children between 6 months and 2 years old had a "systemic reaction" after their first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines.

"The CDC, criminally, claims the (authorized) vaccines are 'safe and effective,'" Nass said, adding:

"That is a term of art that is only allowed to be used for licensed vaccines and drugs. No licensed COVID-19 vaccine is available in

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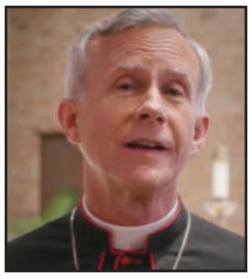
# One Nation Under God

## Young Catholics in the Diocese of Tyler are rallying behind Bishop Strickland



*By LifeSite News*

More than two months after Bishop Joseph Strickland received an apostolic visitation from the Vatican, which has been speculated to be related to his outspokenness regarding the moral and doctrinal controversies in the Church, many of the faithful in his diocese are still rallying behind him and unconditionally supporting him. They come from diverse backgrounds but they have in common their love for the Church and the Catholic faith. Here are some of their stories:

Jason Stern

Jason Stern and his family left behind their lives in Minnesota to go to Winona, Texas. Moving to the Diocese of Tyler, and particularly to Veritatis Splendor, a Catholic community in Winona that has received the bishop's blessing, meant for them the opportunity to raise their family in a strengthened community in which they all strive together for sainthood.

Currently, Veritatis Splendor has a chapel named in honor of the Holy Family where they can receive the sacraments and a retreat center named after Pope Saint John Paul II. The community also has plans to build an oratory. Families from various parts of the country have found their home in Veritatis Splendor.

"We moved here to strengthen and to grow deeper in our Catholic faith. My main responsibility as a husband and a father is to become a saint, to get to Heaven one day, to help my wife become a saint, to get to Heaven one day, and help my kids become saints, to get to Heaven someday, and that is why we moved here," Stern said.

He wants to plant deep Catholic roots in his children to then "send them out in the world to be the light amongst the darkness in our culture."

It was Stern's wife who, in 2020, showed him articles about Bishop Joseph Strickland for the first time. At that time, Stern had not even heard about Tyler.

"We just fell in love with his being bold in speaking the truth with love and humility," Stern noted.

Stern and his family left many things behind, such as relatives, neighborhood, and business. Nonetheless, in Minnesota they were not fulfilled in their Catholic faith.

"When I hear about Bishop Strickland being disciplined or removed or whatever they are considering, it just breaks my heart … it makes me tear up just to think. He is one of the reasons we moved here. Obviously the Holy Spirit is Who led us here, but he played a big part in that," Stern said.

Stern described Bishop Strickland as "the shepherd that a lot of people crave" but "can't find." Stern also highlighted how accessible and relatable the bishop is to his flock.

"I know a lot of people have reached out to him personally, me included, … just letting him know that we love him and to keep going boldly and courageously in the truth and pointing us back to Jesus Christ, like he does with everything," Stern said.

Foster Lerner

A convert from Anglicanism, Foster Lerner moved to Tyler in June 2022 to complete his residency in Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the University of Texas at Tyler. He and his family are parishioners of Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, where Lerner also directs the church choir.

When the news about the apostolic visitation that Bishop Joseph Strickland received on June 24 came out "there was a huge outpouring of support for the bishop," Lerner said, "there was a whole week of special Rosary meetings at the cathedral and the chapel attached to the cathedral. I was able to attend some of them," he added.

According to Lerner, "Bishop Strickland is the apostle in our midst," and his ministry is "one of simplicity and clear teaching of the Gospel." "He has a very simple presentation for the people that he ministers to."

Lerner's chief concern is that if Rome decides to remove Bishop Strickland, the Diocese of Tyler would lose a great bishop, whom Lerner describes as a "faithful son of Rome."

"The greatest saints that the Church recognizes were men and women who were put through an intense test and yet were faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And I think that we may be coming to that moment for the bishop where he is asked to lay aside all for the Gospel, and I think that he will not be found wanting," Lerner said.

Sarahi Martinez

Sarahi Martinez is an undergraduate student at the University of Texas at Tyler. She is a parishioner of Saint John the Evangelist in Emory, which belongs to the Diocese of Tyler. She is also involved in Saint John Paul II Campus Ministry, which helps students live their Catholic faith while they attend college.

Martinez said that after she learned about the apostolic visitation Bishop Joseph Strickland received, she was worried and wondered whether he was going to be removed.

According to Martinez, it was her parish priest who comforted her and other parishioners.

"If things are meant to go a certain way, it will. But honestly, all we can do is pray for him, pray for our bishop and our clergy, that God guides them," Martinez said.

Martinez sees Bishop Joseph Strickland as someone who "says what needs to be said."

"I know he highlights the Eucharist a lot," Martinez said, "he doesn't shy away from speaking about pro-life," she added.

Lauren Thompson

Lauren Thompson is a native of Houston, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. She recently got married and is expecting a baby in January. Thompson and her husband moved to Tyler, Texas, where they are parishioners at Saint Joseph the Worker.

"It was like providence. A month after we got married, Kyle got a job opportunity, and so, we were able to move here," Thompson said.

A factor that influenced Thompson and her family to move to Tyler was the presence of Bishop Strickland in that diocese.

"I really think Tyler is probably the easiest place in America to be a Catholic right now," Thompson said.

During her teenage years, before fully embracing the Catholic faith, Thompson had many questions, and after searching for answers, she found Truth in the Catholic Church. She describes the doctrinal confusion in the Church as "scandalizing." Thompson said she thinks that Bishop Strickland's faithfulness to the teachings of the Church is what has gained him the support of so many young Catholics.

"I think that he genuinely believes the faith, which, you know, some religious leaders, I don't know that they do, or how they would genuinely believe the faith and say things that are so confusing," Thompson said.

Thompson highlighted how Bishop Strickland "cares about his flock," "the spiritual lives of the people that he governs," and how "he doesn't want to lead them astray."

"I think he truly does love the people of East Texas. He loves his laity, and he doesn't want us to be confused. He wants us to just know the Truth and love Jesus," Thompson said. "He wants you to just be able to go to church and believe what the Church has always taught," she said.




According to Thompson, Bishop Strickland uses his "limited spare time" to be with his flock in the Diocese of Tyler.

After she learned about the apostolic visitation the bishop received, Thompson feared him being removed.

"I worry that he would be taken away from us and be put under somebody […] who just does not seem to really love his flock," Thompson said.

Michael McCann

Michael McCann is an English teacher in Bishop Gorman Catholic School, a parochial middle and high school in Tyler. McCann is originally from Canada. He came to the United States in October 2022 with his wife and four children, attracted by the Catholic community Veritatis Splendor.

"We knew that it [Veritatis Splendor] was growing and that it was vibrant, which is very much so," McCann noted, "If it is growing here, and the bishop approves of it, well, that must be a good bishop. He must be one who wants to care for the faith of his flock," he added.

McCann highlighted Bishop Strickland's "pastoral approach to leading his flock."

"He not only blessed our home, but then he sat down and had dinner with my family, played with my children for several minutes, and now he knows them by name and by sight," McCann said. "As we are having dinner, he mentions to my wife and I that he wants to be a true shepherd and smell like the flock," he continued.

McCann compared this approach to that of our Lord while He was on earth.

"If you send Bishop Strickland an email, he will reply to it, which for me was absolutely earth-shattering. That has never been my experience with any bishop that I have ever encountered," McCann said.

Bishop Strickland's apostolic visitation was a surprise for McCann. He noted that as soon as the news reached the ears of the faithful in Tyler, many of them organized daily gatherings for about two weeks to pray the Rosary in the cathedral, and Masses were and are still offered all over the diocese for the bishop.

"We are all praying for him incessantly and I speak for many people when I say that we will do whatever we can to help him, spiritually or materially," McCann said.

The idea that Bishop Strickland could be removed concerns and grieves the faithful of the Diocese of Tyler, but according to McCann, "the will of God must be paramount."

"We must trust that everything that happens is for the best. Many saints have said that everything that happens is for the best. It is the will of God, whether we realize it or not, whether we can explain it or not," McCann said.

McCann noted that the most important thing is that God's Will be done and that this Will, should be always in the "forefront" of their minds. Nonetheless, he remarked that the faithful of Tyler are standing behind their bishop.

"We are all united in prayer behind Bishop Strickland. And, not only in prayer, although prayer is the most important, but from prayer comes action, and we are ready and willing to take to the streets if need be. Bishop Strickland may not want that. He is a very humble man. He may not want to be the center of attention in such a way, but if it came down to us marching down and meeting someone in the streets and saying we are standing in front of our bishop or behind our bishop, we would do that," McCann said.



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## Biden Backdoors Israel in the U.N., Rescinding Trump's Recognition of Sovereignty over the Golan

*In a move from the Obama playbook, the U.S. is advancing a stealth agenda in the Middle East at the expense of its allies*

*By Tony Badran*

Sometimes, U.S. foreign policy is what you see on the news. Increasingly, however, changes in policy are hidden from view because they are unpalatable to many Americans. The growing divide between the policies that America claims to be pursuing and the policies that it's implementing on the ground poses a growing threat to America's global standing, as well as to its democracy, which is supposed to exert oversight of foreign policy through Congress. In order to maintain key alliances, allies must believe that American commitments will endure regardless of changes in administration. In order for American commitments to be worth the paper they are written on, allies must believe that America has their backs.

Nowhere is the split between formal U.S. policy and the stealth agendas being implemented by U.S. policymakers more glaring and toxic than in the Middle East. This is true because the core of U.S. Middle East policy is the de facto alliance with Iran promoted by the Obama administration and enshrined in the JCPOA. Obama's revisionist approach to Iran has in essence left the U.S. with two Mideast policies—one enshrined in our alliances and understandings with historic U.S. allies, and the other centered on dumping our commitments to our allies in order to appease Iran. Only one of these is truly US regional policyy, of course—the policy that seeks to establish Iran as the center of a new Middle East. As a result, American commitments now serve to gaslight our allies into going along by encouraging them to imagine that, sooner or later, things will go back to normal.

The focus of the split in U.S. policy and of gaslighting our allies is the Lebanese pseudo state run by Hezbollah, the terror army controlled by Iran. By dealing with "Lebanon," the U.S. can help forward the objectives of its Iranian partner without ever dealing directly with Iran—and thereby can continue gaslighting its allies to the extent that they would prefer to believe that the U.S. is still their partner.

The latest act in the Biden administration's Middle Eastern Kabuki theater is the use of Lebanon to rescind America's recognition of Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights. No formal announcement of this major policy shift was made, of course. Instead, it was buried in the fine print of the U.N. Security Council's reauthorization of UNIFIL, the force that ostensibly secures Lebanon's border with Israel. In a reprise of Barack Obama's passage of Security Council Resolution 2334 in the final days of his second term, Team Obama-Biden on Aug. 31 again used the route of the Security Council to abandon a formal American commitment and implement a new policy with extreme repercussions for Israel's security.

With UNSCR 2334, Obama adopted the so-called 1967 lines as the official U.S. position on Israel and its conflict with neighboring Arabs. The resolution called upon all states "to distinguish, in their relevant dealings, between the territory of the State of Israel and the territories occupied since 1967," and reaffirmed that all Israeli communities established in territory "occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, have no legal validity." It meant that the U.S. had adopted the position of Israel's enemies on East Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria, as well as on the Golan Heights.

UNSCR 2334 was the twin of UNSCR 2231, the resolution Obama used to lock in his deal with Iran at the Security Council. Obama's objective in both cases was to bypass Congress and to tie the hands of his successor by etching his preferences—what people like to call his "legacy"—in Security Council resolutions.

Both planks of Obama's "legacy" were cracked by Donald Trump, who made two historic moves of his own: moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem and recognizing Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

When Trump made his move, officials from Team Obama (who now serve in the Biden administration) publicly opposed it. Obama's former ambassador to Israel, Daniel Shapiro, who is currently the Biden administration's senior adviser for "Regional Integration" was particularly vocal in his opposition to the recognition of Israel's sovereignty over the Golan. In fact, Shapiro wrote, the recognition might become an obstacle to a future Israeli-Saudi agreement—a line that offered a preview of how the Biden administration would invert the Abraham Accords in order to reassert Obama's framework.

Upon returning to power, the Biden administration underscored its plan to reopen the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem. It also quickly tipped its hand on its intention to reaffirm Obama's position on the Golan. In February 2021, Secretary of State Antony Blinken telegraphed the administration's rejection of Trump's decision, as well as their plan to rescind it during their tenure. The administration continued to speak of Israel's "control" (as opposed to "sovereignty") over the Golan as a "practical" matter. The issue of "legality," however, was "something else" that the administration was "still working on," as U.N. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield put it in June 2021.

And work on it they did. This past June, the administration took measures to reaffirm Obama's UNSCR 2334 legacy, issuing new guidance to government agencies ending scientific and technological cooperation with Israel "in geographic areas which came under the administration of Israel after 1967."

Then Team Obama-Biden received an assist from a party that shared the same objective: Hezbollah. A few months ago, Hezbollah set up an outpost in the Mount Dov region of Israel, in the area of the Golan that the Lebanese refer to as the Shebaa Farms. Hezbollah orchestrated a full-blown campaign around this calculated move, which pro-Hezbollah media framed as a response to Israel capitalizing on Trump's recognition of its sovereignty over the Golan. The purpose of the campaign, Hezbollah's leader made clear, was to force the reopening of the border file, from the coast to the Shebaa Farms.

The Biden administration had teamed up with Hezbollah in 2022, when it forced Israel to concede to the terror group's demands and seal a maritime-border delineation agreement with Lebanon. It now saw another opportunity to push an intersecting agenda using the Lebanese backdoor.

The vehicle, once again at the Security Council, was UNSC Resolution 2695, renewing the mandate of the U.N. interim force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). First, the administration camouflaged its play by sanctioning a Hezbollah environmental front group, Green Without Borders, which has set up observation positions along the Blue Line and has used its activities to obstruct Israeli cameras and visibility along the border fence.

The administration also put on a big show about upholding a provision in the resolution allowing UNIFIL to conduct patrols independently, without coordination with or prior authorization from the Lebanese authorities—practically meaningless language, evidenced, if nothing else, from UNIFIL's typically terrible record over the past year, even though the previous resolution renewing its mandate explicitly authorized it to conduct unannounced patrols independently.

The fuss over UNIFIL's independence of movement was a successful feint. While the Israeli press hailed it as a victory for Israeli diplomacy, no one—not even Israel's befuddled Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, who came to New York and demanded that the resolution retain UNIFIL's freedom of movement—noticed the language in the resolution pertaining to the Golan Heights, which the Biden administration had signed off on.

In that resolution, the U.S. government agreed for the first time to the introduction of language in the UNSCR referring to "the occupied Shab'a Farms." Since the U.S. does not consider the farms to be Lebanese, but rather a part of the Golan Heights, the Biden administration had effectively reversed the official American position recognizing Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, without having to make an official policy announcement—just like Obama did with UNSCR 2334.

In tandem with the Golan move, the Biden team is pressing ahead with its play in Jerusalem. As noted earlier, the administration has been working to reopen the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem, which Trump shut down, and has specifically expressed its desire to have it in East Jerusalem. The day before the UNIFIL resolution passed, anonymous U.S. officials told Team Obama-Biden's preferred Israeli stenographer, Barak Ravid, that reopening the U.S. Consulate was a Palestinian request that had been passed on to the Saudis as part of a purported "mega-deal" between the kingdom and the U.S., which would involve Saudi "normalization" with Israel.

A week before that, U.S. officials had put out through their Israeli mouthpiece that if the Netanyahu government wants an agreement with Saudi Arabia, it will have to make concessions to the Palestinians. That is, the Biden administration had inserted its agenda on the 1967 lines and Jerusalem into the Saudi-Israeli process, and presented it as a Saudi ask that was necessary to provide "legitimacy"—through Palestinian buy-in—to any prospective agreement with Israel. You want your "historic" deal, Bibi? Sign here.

Only, an Israeli-Saudi peace agreement does not appear to be on the horizon—or at least not on terms that any Israeli government has ever been likely to agree to. Even if it were to miraculously materialize, the purported Saudi "normalization agreement" appears to be a political device not only to put the screws on the Israelis, but also to undo and invert the Trump framework, which explicitly eschewed the 1967 lines and removed the Palestinians from the heart of the equation. In its place, the administration is reaffirming the Obama framework of UNSCR 2334, and putting the Palestinians back at the center of U.S. regional policy.

That this reaffirmation is happening alongside the administration's secret "understandings" with Iran—which appear to have substituted for the pretense of a formal agreement—is likewise only natural, in the context of the new bifurcation of U.S. Mideast policy between historical commitments to allies and our actual policies, which seek to replace those allies with Iran and its allies in the rejectionist front, like Hezbollah and the Palestinians. After all, UNSCR 2231 (locking in the Iran deal) and UNSCR 2334 (endorsing the rejectionist Arab position) were twin initiatives. Using the Palestinians as an instrument to sabotage any movement toward peace with Israel is a historically established practice of radical regimes in the region. Now, Team Obama-Biden has claimed the mantle of rejectionist leadership by delegitimizing Israel's borders and submarining the country's attempts to draw closer to the Gulf.

## Obama *cont. from page 16*

To Trinity insiders, the Down Low Club was simply known as "the program."

"That's the terminology. At Trinity, you're urged to 'get with the program,'" explained a male beneficiary of the Down Low Club. "What that means is it's OK to go ahead and have sex with men, just as long as you 'get with the program' and marry a woman, somebody no straight guy would want to marry."

The wife, the Down Low Club member explained, is "your 'beard,' your cover – so you can look like you're living a straight life, even though you're not."

"That's what Wright did for Obama," she claimed. "He connected Obama in the community, and he helped Obama hide his homosexuality."

Corsi explained that Carolyn and other church members were scared to go on the record about the "Down Low Club," and that their fears were not unsubstantiated:

"At Trinity, if you even hint at talking about Obama being gay, you are reminded of our dear departed choir director," she said. "He was killed, and it wasn't a robbery. The Christmas presents weren't touched. The TV was not taken, nothing in the apartment was missing."

Carolyn's reference was to Donald Young, the 47-year-old homosexual choirmaster at Trinity who died of multiple gunshot wounds in his Chicago apartment Dec. 24, 2007.

Young's murder was preceded Nov. 17, 2007, with the execution-style murder of 25-year-old Larry Bland, another black gay member of Trinity United. He also was murdered in his home, dying of multiple gunshot wounds, according to his death certificate.

Just two days after the murder of Young, a third openly "gay" member of Wright's church, Nate Spencer, reportedly died of septicemia, pneumonia and AIDS.

Corsi and WND reported that Obama in his earlier Chicago days would frequent homosexual bars and a Chicago "gay" bathhouse, Man's Country (which closed on New Year's Day 2018), according to LaBarbera.

Send an urgent message to Canadian legislators and courts telling them to uphold parental rights.

## Fauci Lied *cont. from page 20*

39-year-olds 202% more likely to die than unvaccinated 18 to 39-year-olds.

That same report also reveals the mortality rates for children, although the UK Government did try to hide them.

The following chart shows the mortality rates by vaccination status per 100,000 person-years among children aged 10 to 14 in England for the period 1st January 2021 to 31st May 2022, according to the figures provided by the ONS –

Source

In regard to Covid-19 deaths, the ONS reveals that the mortality rate among unvaccinated children aged 10 to 14 equates to 0.31. But in regards to one-dose vaccinated children the mortality rate equates to 3.24 per 100,000 person-years, and in regards to triple vaccinated children the mortality rate equates to a shocking 41.29 per 100,000 person-years.

Unfortunately, there is little improvement when it comes to non-Covid-19 deaths.

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The all-cause death mortality rate equates to 6.39 per 100,000 person-years among unvaccinated children, and is ever so slightly higher at 6.48 among partly vaccinated children.

However, the rate goes from bad to worse following the administration of each injection. The all-cause death mortality rate equates to 97.28 among double-vaccinated children, and a shocking 289.02 per 100,000 person-years among triple-vaccinated children.

This means, according to the UK Governments' own official data, double vaccinated children are 1422% / 15.22x more likely to die of any cause than unvaccinated children. Whilst triple vaccinated children are 4423% / 45.23x more likely to die of any cause than unvaccinated children.

The figures provided by the Office for National statistics and both age-standardised and rates per 100,000 population. Therefore, they are definitive proof that the Covid-19 injections increase a person's risk of dying. This means the Covid-19 injections have been and are continuing to kill people.

This is why it should come as no surprise to find that a secret CDC report confirms half a million American children & young adults have died following the COVID vaccine roll-out. resulting in nearly 118,00 excess deaths against the 2015-2019 five-year average.

If happy endings existed in the real world then this nightmare would end with Dr. Anthony Fauci sitting alone in his prison cell, the weight of his actions weighing heavily on his mind. Not being able to do anything but think of the innocent lives lost because of his deceit.

He has been hailed as a hero, even a saviour, but he is nothing more than a monster who sacrificed the safety and lives of America's children for his own ambition and greed.

He may have even thought he was doing the right thing. If you repeat a lie often enough then eventually you may come to believe it. But in the end, his actions had dire consequences for the nation and in time hopefully for his own soul.

## Bloomberg *cont. from page 1*

any fallout from the climate and energy policies he pursues so zealously. He will doubtless be able to afford electricity at any price for his multiple mansions, from any source, backed up by thousands of battery modules to cover the repeated blackouts his policies will unleash. The other 99.9% won't be so fortunate.

Mr. Bloomberg bankrolls campaigns against coal and natural gas; supports efforts to populate the Biden Administration with rogue regulators equally intent on "transforming" America's energy system, society and living standards; and champions ESG principles for financial firms, companies and investors. His company even has Sustainability and ESG & Climate divisions. Mr. Bloomberg serves as UN Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solutions, enabling him to advance his agendas internationally.

ESG (Environmental Social Governance) helps unelected asset managers use their control over trillions of investment dollars to pressure companies, lenders and consumers to embrace far-left activist versions of public welfare and justice, even if it causes clients' portfolio values to decline. ESG is a subversive way to bypass legislatures, voters and democratic processes, to impose unpopular political and ideological agendas, often in violation of fiduciary obligations.

ESG opposes fossil fuels, insisting they are causing climate cataclysms. Any company in that business, or offering to finance a drilling project, gets blackballed. But companies building or financing "clean, green" energy score in the ESG stratosphere – even though most such projects destroy vast swaths of wildlife habitats, involve slave and child labor, and leave widespread toxic pollution in their wake. ESG human rights, ecological and climate justice principles are duplicitous and hypocritical.

As New York City mayor, Mr. Bloomberg infamously advocated exorbitant taxes on large sugary drinks, claiming they lead to obesity and thus to diabetes, cancer, heart disease and premature death. He simply wanted to help poor people live longer, he asserted, by making Big Gulps less affordable.

It's thus puzzling that he now wants to banish reliable, affordable gas heat and coal- and gas-generated electricity for heating and air conditioning – in favor of pricey, weather-dependent wind and solar power, backed up by outrageously expensive batteries. Those policies shorten lives.

Even if manmade or natural climate change causes average global temperatures to climb 2-3 degrees, modern technologies would keep us safely comfortable. But if laws, policies and ESG pressures make heating and AC inaccessible or unaffordable, indoor temperatures can soar 15-25 degrees in summertime and drop as precipitously in wintertime. People die – and cold is far deadlierthan heat.

When people, especially the elderly, cannot heat their homes properly, they can perish from hypothermia or illnesses they would likely survive if they weren't so cold. The Economist calculated that expensive energy may have killed 68,000 more Europeansthan Covid did last winter.

LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) will help the poorest families – until the subsidy money runs out – but not middle/working classes, and not small businesses.

Even worse, three billion people worldwide still do not have access to reliable, affordable electricity. Message to climate zealots like Mr. Bloomberg: Access to intermittent, unpredictable wind/solar electricity doesn't count, especially if it's only enough to charge a cell phone or power a lightbulb or one-cubic-foot refrigerator. Lack of access to sustained, affordable energy kills.

The billionaire's legal power grab is even more insidious and dangerous to democracy.

In 2017 he began covertly funding New York University Law School's State Energy and Environmental Impact Center, which provides grants to progressive (Democrat) state attorneys general, enabling them to hire "special assistant" AGs or "fellows."

The Center's mission is to provide "direct legal assistance" to interested AGs "on specific administrative, judicial or legislative matters involving clean energy, climate change and environmental interests of regional and national significance," when AGs say they lack sufficient public funds to hire such help.

NYU now says "the fellows' sole duty of loyalty is to the attorney general in whose office they serve." However, these partisan Bloomberg grants pay salaries and "generous benefits packages" to "special assistants" whose functions are dictated by the Center; address specified "regional and national" issues normally beyond the purview of state AGs; are routinely coordinated with energy and climate activists and donors to those causes; and often launch "public nuisance" or RICO litigation against oil companies, to the detriment of targeted industries and the consumers and ratepayers who depend on their products, within the AGs' home states and in distant states and communities.

It is the Bloomberg agenda that is being served, by grants that effectively conscript and coopt the public authority and power of the attorney general's offices.

As a 2022 report by the American Tort Reform Foundation notes, "These SAAGs are private attorneys placed in public positions to exercise government authority. Yet, they are not independent or impartial because their mandate is to carry out an overtly political agenda funded by wealthy private donors."

This "unique" arrangement, the Foundation continues, "allows well-heeled individuals and organizations to commandeer state and local police powers to target opponents with whom they disagree, raising the specter of corruption and fundamental unfairness in what should be public enforcement of the law."

Those same considerations also appear to raise fundamental ethical, legal and constitutional issues. They certainly raise questionsabout laws governing gifts, campaign contributions and bribes – and where Bloomberg-funded lawyers are involved in prosecutions, serious due-process concerns.

And yet the NYU Center has already placed at least 11 special assistants in eight state attorney general offices, which have filed at least 20 lawsuits against a few selected oil companies, charging them with "climate denial" or causing planetary warming, rising seas, more frequent and intense hurricanes and tornadoes, and other "offenses."

This litigation ignores the actions of hundreds of other oil and gas companies across the globe; steadily rising emissions from China, India and other rapidly developing nations; the role of natural forces and emissions from wind turbine, solar panel and battery mining, processing and manufacturing; the lack of evidence to support claims of a climate "crisis" or more frequent and violent storms; and the fact that these issues should be litigated in federal courts or relegated to a democratic political process.

The US Supreme Court recently had an opportunity to quash this rampant litigation, but it chose not to review the state and local cases and send them to federal courts. The seemingly endless lawsuits and acrimony are creating a legal, constitutional, scientific and public policy nightmare for businesses, consumers, courts, states and the nation.

Rest assured, billionaires like Bloomberg, Gates, Kerry, Zuckerberg and Soros – who demand that we commoners give up our cars, gas stoves and furnaces, steaks, air travel and suburban homes – don't intend to give up anything.

Let's hope the pro-America governors, AGs, legislators, judges and business groups battling ESG and other woke campaigns tackle this NYU Impact Center hornets nest as well..

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